

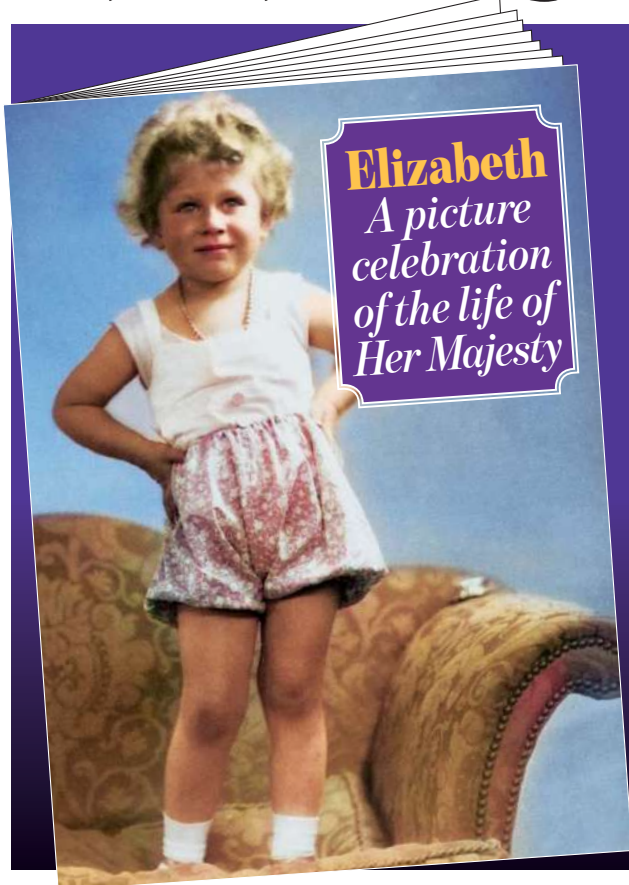


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## THE KING'S FIRST SPEECH

# Tearful Charles's tribute to his darling Mama

**KING** Charles paid an exquisite and deeply personal tribute to his late mother last night in his first address to the nation as sovereign.

Describing his 'loss beyond measure', the new monarch said his 'darling

By **Rebecca English**  
and **Sam Greenhill**

Mama' had been an inspiration and an example not just to himself and his family, but to all.

Speaking from the Blue Drawing Room

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Welling up: Charles makes his TV address to the nation yesterday



# May flights of angels

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at Buckingham Palace, where the Queen recorded so many of her Christmas messages, a clearly emotional Charles said that he wanted to renew her promise of lifelong service to the people of Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

But most importantly he wanted to say thank you to one of the greatest and most inspirational women this country had ever known. Close to tears, he said: 'And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you.'

'Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years.'

The King ended by quoting Shakespeare's line 'may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest', spoken by Horatio after Hamlet's death.

In a deeply moving message to the nation, the King also announced that William and Kate would henceforth be known as the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The last Princess of Wales was Diana, William's mother. Last night a source close to the couple said that Kate 'appreciates the history associated with this role but will understandably want to look to the future as she creates her own path'.

The King also paid tribute to 'my darling wife' Camilla – now Queen Consort – and her 'steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much'.

And he made a point of expressing his love for his estranged son, Prince Harry, and his wife Meghan as they 'continue to build their new lives overseas'.

Charles, 73, was wearing a black tie and suit and sat next to a posy of sweet peas mixed with rosemary, which represents remembrance. The vase had three corgis at the base and was situated in Queen Elizabeth's audience room.

Vowing to bring the same sense of devotion to duty as his late mother, the King said: 'I speak to you today with feelings of profound

## 'Affection, guidance and understanding'

sorrow. Throughout her life, Her Majesty the Queen – my beloved mother – was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

'Queen Elizabeth's was a life well lived, a promise with destiny kept, and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.'

'Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where the Queen was head of state, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude for the more than 70 years in which my mother, as Queen, served the people of so many nations.'

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'That was more than a promise: it was a profound personal commitment which defined her whole life. She made sacrifices for duty. Her dedication and devotion as sovereign never wavered, through times of change and progress, through times of joy and celebration, and through times of sadness and loss.'

'In her life of service we saw that abiding love of tradition, together with that fearless embrace of progress, which make us great as nations. The affection, admiration and respect she inspired became the hallmark of her reign.'

'And, as every member of my family can testify, she combined these qualities with warmth, humour and an unerring ability always to see the best in people.'

'I pay tribute to my mother's memory and I honour her life of service. I know that her death brings great sadness to so many of

you and I share that sense of loss, beyond measure, with you all.'

Charles hailed Britain and all the other countries where his mother was head of state for their 'talent, traditions and achievements'.

'Our values have remained, and must remain, constant,' he said.

The new King also renewed his responsibilities as supreme governor of the Church of England, a duty carried out by his mother with 'unswerving devotion'.

He added: 'And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.' Turning to his family,

Charles acknowledged that it was a time of change for them too.

'I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla. In recognition of her own loyal public service since our marriage 17 years ago, she becomes my Queen Consort,' he said. 'I know she will bring to the demands of her new role the steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much.'

Announcing that his son, William, would become Prince of Wales, he continued: 'With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given.'

A royal source close to William

and Kate said they were 'focused on deepening the trust and respect of the people of Wales over time'.

They added: 'The Prince and Princess of Wales will approach their roles in the modest and hum-

## 'Leading national conversations'

ble way they've approached their work previously.'

Thanking the nation for its outpouring of support since his mother's death on Thursday, Charles concluded: 'In our sorrow, let us remember and draw strength from the light of her example.'

'On behalf of all my family, I can

only offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your condolences and support. They mean more to me than I can ever possibly express.'

Earlier King Charles III was greeted by kisses and shouts of 'God Save the King' as he arrived at Buckingham Palace for the first time since ascending to the throne. With the Queen Consort he received a rapturous welcome from thousands of wellwishers during the first royal walkabout of his reign.

Huge crowds cheered as the visibly-emotional sovereign arrived in a vintage Rolls-Royce and began shaking hands with countless members of the public.

In moving scenes less than 24 hours after the death of his mother,



Deeply moving: King Charles III addresses the nation and the Commonwealth from Buckingham Palace's Blue Drawing



# sing thee to thy rest

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*I shall endeavour  
to serve you  
with loyalty,  
respect and love*



Room last night, with a framed photo of his beloved mother next to him

they broke into an impromptu rendition of the national anthem, with the words changed to King.

Then the Royal Standard was raised above Buckingham Palace to signify the sovereign in residence.

A bugle sounded as Charles, dressed in mourning black suit and tie, walked side by side with Camilla – who seemed close to tears – through the main entrance of Buckingham Palace.

In other developments:

■ The nation will be able to watch as Charles is formally proclaimed the new King today, with the ceremony televised for the first time;

■ Boris Johnson hailed ‘Elizabeth the Great’ during tributes from MPs in the House of Commons;

■ Gun salutes and peeling church bells broke the respectful silence across Britain in honour of the Queen;

■ A peak audience of 9.74million viewers tuned in to BBC One at 6.30pm on Thursday to watch Huw Edwards announce the news of the Queen’s death;

■ Across the country, well-wishers queued to sign books of condolence at churches, theatres and town halls;

■ A string of events was cancelled in a mark of respect, including this weekend’s Premier

League football matches and the Last Night of the Proms;

■ The Bank of England postponed a meeting next week to decide whether to raise interest rates because of the period of national mourning;

■ Fellow ‘national treasure’ Sir David Attenborough, also 96, paid moving tribute to the Queen and her ‘precious’ laugh;

■ US President Joe Biden last night confirmed he would attend the Queen’s funeral at Westminster Abbey;

■ Emmanuel Macron departed from official French protocol

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## Sincere and surprisingly intimate, our new monarch

NOT many people begin to fulfil their destiny and potential at the age of 73, but King Charles is no ordinary mortal. His long journey from boyhood to full bloom spans well over half a century, but here he was at last, claiming his birthright, making his first speech to the nation as King.

Until this moment, which was broadcast on all news channels at 6pm last night, we knew the man but not the monarch. Sitting at a desk adorned with a photograph of his mother and a vase of white mourning flowers, he spoke the words that would set the tone for the days and the years to come.

‘I speak to you today with feelings of profound sorrow,’ he said, and went on to pay tribute to the woman he called ‘my darling mama’.

There was a moment when he looked close to tears as he promised to try to emulate the dedication and devotion she had shown to her subjects.

‘I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation... I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love.’

The King spoke from the gilt-encrusted depths of the Blue Drawing Room in Buckingham Palace, still hung with the wallpaper picked out by his great-grandmother, Queen Mary. Amid the grandeur of the soaring ceilings and faux-onyx columns, the occasion was suffused with grief.

‘I know that her death brings great sadness,’ he said of his mother. ‘And I share that sense of loss... with you all.’

In his dark suit and sombre tie, a monochrome handkerchief tucked his breast pocket, King Charles – to write it, say it or think it still seems astonishing – dug deep and delivered a message that was both sincere and surprisingly intimate.

HE paid tribute to both his sons and also to the Queen Consort. ‘I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla... I know she will bring to the demands of her new role a steadfast devotion to duty.’

Earlier in the day, Kirsty Wark was outside Balmoral Castle for the BBC, pointing out that it was ‘a very dreadfully sad moment for the Royal Family’.

BBC News Royal Correspondent Sarah Campbell agreed, sketching out the emotional minefield that lay ahead for King



Charles. ‘People are celebrating the fact that he is the new King,’ she said. ‘But it is not 24 hours since his mother died.’

Indeed. How his life has changed in such a short period of time, with the dawning of a day that must have been longed for and, as he intimated outside Buckingham Palace yesterday, dreaded in equal measure.

FOR Charles the son, the death of his mother brings a dimming of the light in his own life. For Charles the monarch, the death of a queen heralds the vivifying blaze that only a kingdom brings.

Yet the everyday trade and industry of being a royal means that there is little time for private grief.

One can only guess at the churn of emotions behind his calm, friendly manner as the new King shook hands with the crowds massed by the Palace gates. Or stared into the lens as the camera focus pulled ever closer as he delivered his address to the nation.

He spoke of the duty of monarchy, affirmed his deep faith with the Church of England, assured viewers that his values would remain constant. ‘My life will of course change,’ he said, and no one doubted that.

It was no surprise that his composure was impeccable. Surely now his decades of royal training and statecraft will come to bear and that he will have the strength of body and soul to fulfil what is now demanded of him.

We all know that King Charles has much to live up to. His mother, God rest her soul, always understood the twin burdens of privilege and sacrifice – and that one must never overshadow the other.

Her sure instincts as a diplomat, stateswoman and monarch never failed her – but what of her son? Some who are granted a longed-for leading role falter in the promotion, discovering that the limelight does not become them after all.

And some rise to the occasion, like drowning men climbing aboard a lifeboat called destiny.

After a few movingly delivered words from a palace stateroom, King Charles has begun his voyage at last.



## God Save The King is sung by Katherine

**KATHERINE** Jenkins yesterday made the first recording of God Save The King.

The Welsh mezzo-soprano was 'heavy with grief' after being invited by BBC Radio 4 to sing the new national anthem, which was played on the station yesterday.

Miss Jenkins, 42, had a moment of silence and prayer before recording the song in a church in rural Sussex. The anthem closed an extended edition of Radio's 4 World at One.

'I have only the fondest memories singing the national anthem for Her Majesty The Queen,' Miss Jenkins said.

The new version 'was sung with the belief that King Charles III's reign will be happy and glorious', she added. She performed God Save The Queen at Windsor Castle for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

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to deliver a touching eulogy for the Queen in English;

■ Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins made the first recording of the new national anthem, God Save the King, for the BBC.

Last night the Queen's 'long life spent in the service of this country', love for her family and commitment to duty were honoured at a service of prayer and reflection at St Paul's Cathedral. Around 2,000 members of the public joined new Prime Minister Liz Truss and other dignitaries for the service.

It saw the first official singing of God Save the King with lyrics changed from 'Queen' to 'King' and 'her victorious' to 'him victorious'.

Earlier Miss Truss had her first audience with the King at Buckingham Palace - just three days after being formally appointed as Prime Minister by his mother.

Miss Truss paid tribute to the Queen as 'one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known', on

### 'Creating unity and concord'

the first of two days of special tributes by MPs.

She told the Commons: 'On the death of her father King George VI, Winston Churchill said the news had stilled the clatter and traffic of 20th century life in many lands. Now 70 years later, in the tumult of the 21st century, life has paused again.'

The Queen's death aged 96 on Thursday afternoon was announced



Deep bond: Charles escorts the Queen through the Palace of Westminster at the state opening of parliament in 2019

by Buckingham Palace at 6.30pm. Courtiers have not revealed whether there was a cause of death other than old age, other than to say she had died 'peacefully'.

Nor have they disclosed the exact time she passed away, although it is understood to have been around mid-afternoon. This would suggest that Prince Charles and Princess Anne were the only of her four children to have been there.

William, Prince Andrew, and the Earl and Countess of Wessex all made a dash from London but did not arrive at Balmoral until 5.06pm,

believed to have been almost an hour after Downing Street was privately informed of the death.

Prince Harry was the last to reach the Scottish retreat, with the Buckingham Palace announcement made while he was still in the air.

Meghan abandoned plans to join Harry at Balmoral amid consternation behind palace doors.

Yesterday Charles and Camilla made the poignant journey from Balmoral to London in an RAF plane, followed later by William.

The palace has announced that the King's accession council will

be held today at 10am in St James's Palace. With William in attendance, Charles will be proclaimed King and make his declaration and oath.

It will be followed by a flurry of

### 'Crying, praying and laying flowers'

proclamations around the country, in the City of London at the Royal Exchange at midday today and further proclamations in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales at mid-

day on Sunday. In his first act, the King has decreed that a period of 'royal mourning' for the Queen will be observed until seven days after her state funeral - which is expected to be on Monday, September 19.

Royal mourning will be observed by members of the Royal Family, royal household staff and representatives of the royal household on official duties, together with troops committed to ceremonial duties.

Kate and William last night changed their titles on their official Twitter page to the 'Prince and Princess of Wales'. One source close

# Olive branch to Harry and Meghan

**KING** Charles extended an extraordinary olive branch to Harry and Meghan last night.

He included his love for the couple - who turned their back on royal life - in his historic televised address to the world.

Charles told the millions of viewers watching: 'I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas.'

The 73-year-old King has never abandoned hope of rekindling his relationship with his youngest son despite Harry and Meghan moving to the United States and publicly attacking the royals. His dramatic peace offering - dur-

By **Sam Greenhill**  
Chief Reporter

ing the most important speech of his life - comes exactly 18 months after the duke and duchess declared war on the royal household during their bombshell interview with US chat show host Oprah Winfrey.

Harry told the television star that his father had 'cut them off' financially after they quit royal life to live in America - a claim later proved to be untrue and which caused 'great upset' to Charles. And Meghan's unsubstantiated allegation that a royal made a racist

remark before their son Archie's birth left William and his father both 'furious'. Following the interview, William insisted that the royals were 'very much not a racist family'.

Since then, the Sussexes have continued to drop 'truth bombs' to friendly US media outlets as they try to justify their lavish deals with the likes of television, music and podcast streaming services Netflix and Spotify.

William, in particular, is said to have been avoiding all contact with his brother - until this week's momentous events - in case their exchanges ended up in the pages of Harry's forthcoming memoir.



New lives: Meghan and Harry





**Emotion: The tearful King makes his first speech as sovereign**

to the King said it had been a 'difficult 24 hours' but that he was 'so grateful' that he had been able to spend time with his mother before she died. On the King's desk during the King's speech was a photograph of his mother that he had chosen himself and had brought over from Clarence House.

Since news of the Queen's death broke, thousands of people from across the country – and the globe – have visited Buckingham Palace in central London to feel part of a moment in history.

Many were crying, praying and laying colourful flowers at the wrought iron gates on Friday morning. Nearby florists had sold out due to rocketing demand, and charity staff were selling white flowers in Green Park for those streaming down the pathways that lead to the palace.

In his address the King acknowledged that his life had now changed and he would not be able to under-

take the charity work he had spent the last six decades pursuing.

He said: 'My life will of course change as I take up my new responsibilities. It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies' to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply. But I know this important work will go on in the trusted hands of others.'

Speaking at the St Paul's service, dean designate Andrew Tremlett said: 'We remember her long life spent in the service of this country and of her Commonwealth realms around the world. We celebrate her love for her family, her commitment to duty, and her calling to create unity and concord.'

In an eloquent and moving tribute, Boris Johnson told the Commons yesterday that the Queen 'showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve'.

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# THE KING'S FIRST SPEECH IN FULL

**I** SPEAK to you today with feelings of profound sorrow. Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen – my beloved Mother – was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example. Queen Elizabeth was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.

Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where The Queen was Head of State, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude for the more than seventy years in which my Mother, as Queen, served the people of so many nations. In 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, she pledged in a broadcast from Cape Town to the Commonwealth to devote her life, whether it be short or long, to the service of her peoples. That was more than a promise: it was a profound personal commitment which defined her whole life. She

made sacrifices for duty. Her dedication and devotion as Sovereign never wavered, through times of change and progress, through times of joy and celebration, and through times of sadness and loss. In her life of service we saw that abiding love of tradition, together with that fearless embrace of progress, which make us great as Nations. The affection, admiration and respect she inspired became the hallmark

of her reign. And, as every member of my family can testify, she combined these qualities with warmth, humour and an unerring ability always to see the best in people. I pay tribute to my Mother's memory and I honour her life of service. I know that her death brings great sadness to so many of you and I share that sense of loss, beyond measure, with you all.

When The Queen came to the throne, Britain and the world were still coping with the privations and aftermath of the Second World War, and still living by the conventions of earlier times. In the course of the last seventy years we have seen our society become one of many cultures and many faiths. The institutions of the State have changed in turn. But, through all changes and challenges, our nation and the wider family of Realms – of whose talents, traditions and achievements I am so inexpressibly proud – have prospered and flourished. Our values have remained, and must remain, constant.

The role and the duties of Monarchy also remain, as does the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England – the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted. In that faith, and the values it inspires, I have been

brought up to cherish a sense of duty to others, and to hold in the greatest respect the precious traditions, freedoms and responsibilities of our unique history and our system of parliamentary government. As The Queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation. And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the Realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.

My life will of course change as I take up my new responsibilities. It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply. But I know this important work will go on in the trusted hands of others.

This is also a time of change for my family. I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla. In recognition of her own loyal public service since our marriage

*'Let us draw strength from the light of her example'*

seventeen years ago, she becomes my Queen Consort. I know she will bring to the demands of her new role the steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much. As my Heir, William now assumes the Scottish titles which have meant so much to me. He succeeds me as Duke of Cornwall and takes on the responsibilities for the Duchy of Cornwall which I have undertaken for more than five decades. Today, I

am proud to create him Prince of Wales, Tywysog Cymru, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty. With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given. I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas.

In a little over a week's time we will come together as a nation, as a Commonwealth and indeed a global community, to lay my beloved mother to rest. In our sorrow, let us remember and draw strength from the light of her example. On behalf of all my family, I can only offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your condolences and support. They mean more to me than I can ever possibly express. And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you. Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years. May 'flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest'.

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# Time and again, the cries came: God save the King



Emotion: 'I've been dreading this day,' the King told the crowd



by ROBERT  
HARDMAN

**H**IS Majesty is now home. Almost 25 years ago to this very day, our previous monarch had stopped her car short of Buckingham Palace, climbed out to inspect a mountain of flowers – and transformed the mood of a grieving nation in an instant.

And so it was that her successor did exactly the same yesterday afternoon, although, as he admitted to one well-wisher: 'I've been dreading this.'

A little after two o'clock, police cleared a Moses-like path through the ever-swelling sea of multinational mourners of every age and ilk filling the area in front of Buckingham Palace.

No state trumpeters could be heard. The news helicopters chuntering overhead were performing that role instead.

Moments later, a laudably modest police motorcade came to a halt and King Charles III stepped out to meet his subjects for the very first time, a red-eyed Queen Camilla at his side.

At which point, cheers – proper, robust cheers – rang out around the Palace precincts and up on a rammed Queen Victoria Memorial. The King had flicked a switch. Gone was the air of aimless, lugubrious bewilderment which had permeated London SW1 earlier in the day. Here, at last, was a sense of reassurance.

For the first time in 24 hours, we saw people actually smiling at the Palace gates.

The applause was rather less noisy than the cheers for the simple reason that modern Britain cannot attend the opening of a cupboard without filming it on a mobile phone. And it is physically impossible to clap while holding a phone.

From my crush point somewhere in the midst of a mob 50-deep, all



A sea of sympathy: With camera phones raised, some of the thousands at Buckingham Palace record

with handsets and tablets held aloft and pointing in the same direction, it was like being in the midst of a battalion of meerkats.

Who could blame them? They were witnessing real history, the homecoming of a new sovereign. And his first priority was not to meet the staff and officials awaiting him inside the Palace quadrangle. It was to see the

people. No wonder they wanted to capture it for posterity.

Time and again came cries of 'God save the King!', the phrase to which we must all now adjust for the next hundred years or so at least.

Others were too moved to say very much at all. Vicky Binley, 51, from Rutland, kissed the King's hand and muttered a 'thank you'

through a crumbling smile. It had been an 'overwhelming moment', she said later.

Thanking her, the King replied: 'I've been dreading this day, I've been dreading this.'

He was alluding to the loss of his mother, of course, not the prospect of kingship. Rewind to 2002 and he used the very same words ('I dreaded, dreaded this





Watch Robert's  
impossibly moving  
video tribute



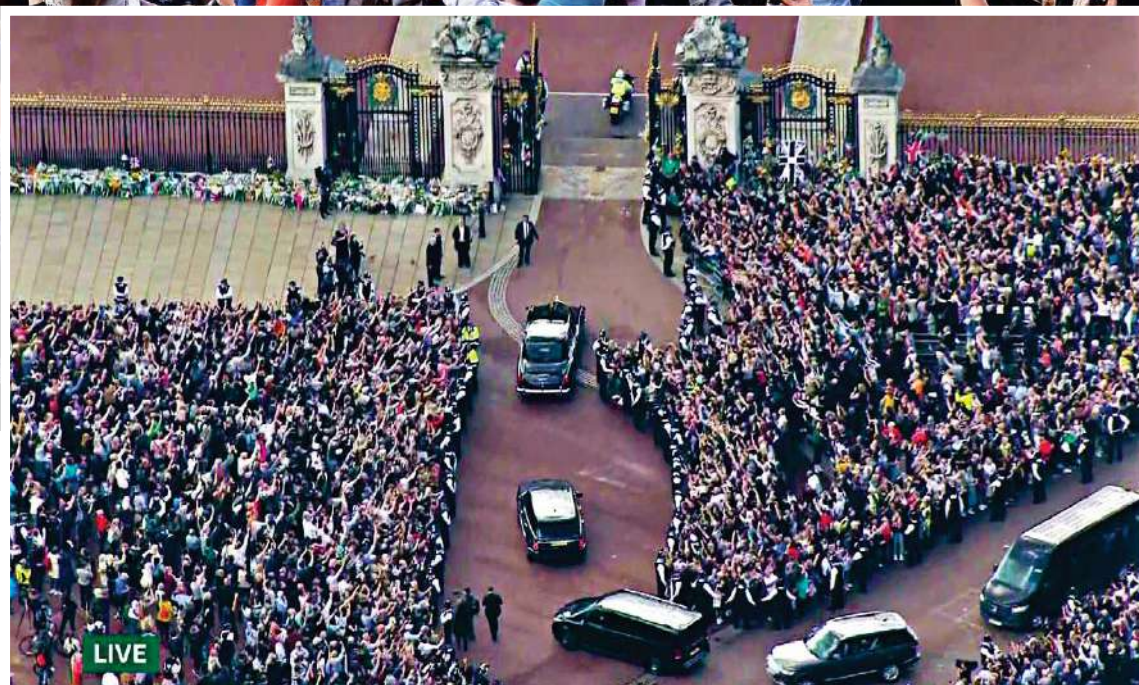
#### the arrival of the royal couple

moment') after the death of the Queen Mother.

Another woman grabbed the new King's arm, exclaiming: 'Good luck, my darling, you are a good man.'

This all-embracing blanket of affection and sympathy greatly moved the new Queen Consort, who let the tears flow freely. There

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Echoes of 1997: Amid the mass of onlookers, the royal car comes to a halt before the Palace gates





Kiss for the King: One excited woman boldly leans over the barrier to shake hands with the new monarch, before planting a kiss on his cheek in a show of affection

# Day grieving King told the Palace



Reassuring presence: Robust cheers rang out as King Charles greeted the crowds

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were plenty of cries of 'God bless you, Camilla' and 'We love you, Camilla'.

New York film director Raynald Leconte, 47, wished her good luck. 'Thank you very much,' she replied. 'I'll need it.'

One or two remembered their etiquette and addressed the couple as 'Your Majesty'.

As the King made his way down the floral pile-up running the breadth of the Palace, we saw the first appearance of that traditional vestige of majesty. Down came the half-masted Union flag.

For the first time, the new Sovereign's standard was

raised – or 'broken' in Palace speak – up on the flagstaff. That, of course, never flies at half-mast because we are never without a monarch.

As the King walked through the Palace gates and thence to his new office – ahead of his first prime-ministerial audience – there were several rounds of 'three cheers'.

If proof were needed of the almost primeval allure and power of monarchy, here it was: Just as in September 1997 when the late Queen returned from Balmoral to address the nation following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Up until then, the monarchy had been under heavy fire for a

perceived failure to emote. Tensions ran so high that some counselled against a walkabout. The Queen, with her unerring ability to gauge the true public mood, left her car at the Palace gates and went to see her people. Suddenly, everything changed. Tempers evaporated.

Yesterday's circumstances were wholly different but the effect was the same.

This was also a statement of what we can expect from this reign. Fresh off the plane from Aberdeen, having left Balmoral at lunchtime, the King did not return immediately to his home at Clarence House.

He very deliberately wanted his first port of call to be



Tearful: A well-wisher dabs her eyes after leaving a bunch of flowers





Adoring: He receives another kiss, this time on the hand



Witnessing history: The King shakes the hands of well-wishers, who give him sympathetic smiles

# mourners: I've been dreading this



Touching tribute: King Charles and Camilla walk past flowers laid outside Buckingham Palace yesterday

Buckingham Palace. Subtext: 'I am hitting the ground running.'

In 1952, the new Queen and Prince Philip had been very keen to remain at Clarence House following the death of King George VI.

They had only just renovated the place and assumed that they might continue to live there with their two young children.

It was Winston Churchill who effectively ordered them to move house, arguing that monarchs have to 'live above the shop'. The duke's

equerry recalled that there 'wasn't a dry eye in the car as they left'.

Now, seven decades later, the former Prince Charles finds himself moving out of Clarence House yet again.

The new King and Queen will not be moving all their worldly goods just yet. The Palace is in the midst of a huge refurbishment programme and is also currently configured for the annual summer influx of hundreds of thousands of tourists. It will not be fully inhabitable for some

time. However, yesterday's arrival showed that the King has already given much thought to the sort of monarchy he plans to lead. And he will lead it - into what some may label a new 'Carolean' era - from its traditional HQ.

If one thing will have alarmed the authorities yesterday, it will have been the sheer volume of people heading for the Palace. I well recall the aftermath of the deaths of Diana in 1997 and of the Queen Mother in 2002. It was days before the public began arriving in anything like these numbers.

Late on Thursday night and from first light yesterday, very substantial crowds were making their way to the Palace from all directions. They



Emotional: The Queen Consort is deeply touched by the scenes

*There were plenty of cries of 'God bless you, Camilla'*

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# ELIZABETH R 1926-2022



Only human: A policeman outside the Palace yesterday



'We will miss you': A cyclist's placard on the Mall



Too much: A young woman wipes away a tear



Brave face: The King waves to the crowds who greeted him



All ages pay their respects: A youngster amid the floral tributes, while a man appears overcome



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were perfectly behaved. Yet, by mid-morning the police had introduced a one-way system for bouquet-bearers.

The approaches from Green Park were starting to reach Platinum Jubilee levels. It was only the fact that people came, saw and then left again which prevented an almighty logjam.

By the time people had queued to get close enough to lay their offerings, they wanted a good look at the growing mounds of floral tributes.

The overarching theme was one of thanks. Several, I noticed, included images of Paddington Bear. The Queen's cameo role, three long months ago, in that enchanting tea party with the marmalade sandwiches, continues to resonate in the most touching way. Ditto Paddington's immortal

line to the monarch: 'Thank you, Ma'am - for everything.' That was on many cards.

I met Natalia Ucinska, 34, a London-based hotel worker from Posnan, Poland, clutching a bunch of white and red roses.

'They are the Polish national colours,' she explained. 'We loved the Queen in Poland.'

**S**ARA Shabani, 19, a London-based student from Iran, had arrived with a dozen red roses. 'I had to come. I saw the Queen for maybe ten seconds on her balcony during her Jubilee and now I want to be here today. I am so sad,' she said. 'She was the soul of Britain. You must be so sad.'

She was the soul of other places, too. Tanya Morcom, 54, had arrived on holiday from Alice

Springs, Australia, earlier in the week. 'I couldn't believe it when we heard she was ill. We were at the theatre last night and they told us she'd died and then they played God Save The King - well, we just all cried.' She had nothing but praise for the new monarch. 'I am of both Aboriginal and Scottish heritage and I love the monarchy. We all need that little bit of that magic in our lives.'

Often, at such moments, it is the tiny things which stop you in your tracks, like the sight of Mikaela Van Der Hagen bringing her corgi, Archie, seven, to pay tribute to the greatest corgi fan of them all, or of an old soldier in tears.

Of all the countless messages, none, to my mind, captured the mood any better than one child's unsigned drawing of a red love heart beneath the message, in big letters: 'We want you back our Queen.'





*‘As they walked  
through the  
Palace gates,  
rounds of  
cheers rang out’*

Heading for a new future: The royal couple enter Buckingham Palace for the first time as King and Queen Consort



# Charles to be proclaimed King live on TV screens

THE nation will watch the new King being formally proclaimed monarch as the ceremony is televised for the first time.

Today will be the first time in history that the Accession Council in the State Apartments of St James's Palace will be broadcast. It is due to start at 10am.

A Principal Proclamation will then be read in public from the balcony overlooking Friary Court at St James's an hour later. It is read by the Garter King of Arms.

It will be followed by Proclamations around the country, with the second one at City of London at the Royal Exchange at midday, and further Proclamations in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales at midday tomorrow.

Buckingham Palace issued details of the arrangements. It was confirmed cameras would be

## 'Dates from time of Normans'

allowed inside the State Apartments to capture the proceedings for the first time.

In recognition of the new King, union flags will be flown at full-mast from the time of the Principal Proclamation until one hour after the Proclamations in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. They will then return to half-mast to mourn the death of the Queen.

Charles automatically became King on the death of his mother, but the Accession Council is usually convened at St James's in London within 24 hours of the death of a sovereign.

It is being staged a day later for King Charles III because the announcement of the Queen's death did not come until Thursday evening, meaning there was not enough time to set the plans in motion for Friday morning.

The Palace said: 'His Majesty

By Vanessa Allen

The King will be proclaimed at the Accession Council at 10.00hrs [on] 10th September in the State Apartments of St James's Palace, London. The Accession Council, attended by Privy Counsellors, is divided into two parts. In Part I, the Privy Council, without The King present, will proclaim the Sovereign, and formally approve various consequential Orders, including the arrangements for the Proclamation.

'Part II, is the holding by The King of His Majesty's first Privy Council. The King will make his Declaration and read and sign an oath to uphold the security of the Church in Scotland and approve Orders in Council which facilitate continuity of government.'

Historically, the entire Privy Council is summoned to the Accession Council. But there are currently more than 700 privy counsellors. They are mostly serving or former politicians, although Camilla, the new Queen, and Prince William are counsellors and are expected to attend.

Just 200 will be summoned for the event, which must take place before Parliament meets again.

The Accession Council is presided over by the Lord President of the Council. Penny Mordaunt was appointed to the role a few days ago in Liz Truss's new Cabinet. The Accession Proclamation will be read aloud and then be signed by members of the Royal Family who are present as Privy Counsellors, and other key dignitaries. Charles will then hold his first Privy Council.

Then, the first public proclamation of the new sovereign is read from the Friary Court balcony by the Garter King of Arms at St James's Palace. The Proclamation will then be read at the Royal Exchange in the City of London at midday. The Privy Council dates from the time of the Norman kings.

## The new Carolean age ...what his time as our monarch will be called

THE Queen's death marks the end of the second Elizabethan era and the start of the second Carolean age – the reign of King Charles III.

The Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday: 'All of us in this House will support him as he takes our country forward to a new era of hope and progress. Our new Carolean age.'

Liz Truss chose her words carefully. The term Carolean comes from the Latin for Charles – Carolus. But there is an alternative term – 'Caroline' – which refers

to the reign of King Charles I. The Caroline era, from 1625 to 1649, was marred by civil wars and ended with the execution of Charles I. For the next 11 years, the country was a republic under Oliver Cromwell.

When Charles II was restored to his father's throne after years of the Commonwealth and the Protectorate, his rule became known as the Carolean age.

Charles II's reign from 1660 to 1685 is associated with greater freedom and he was a much beloved king.



Lament: The lone piper plays as the crowds make their way into St Paul's



## New PM gives a reading at

**A**S a muffled tolling of a single bell sounds, the huge doors close, the last murmurs still and King Charles's address is broadcast over the loud-speaker system, a wonderful calm floods St Paul's Cathedral.

Where, for once, there are no silly frissons caused by family tensions. No Prince Andrew skulking behind a pillar. No murderous looks passed between the immaculately presented Cambridges and the swanky Sussexes. No royal great-grandchildren trying – and failing – to sit still.

Because this is not a service for the royals. Or civil dignitaries, or heads of state.

This is a service of Prayer and Reflection about the Queen for the public – teachers, taxi drivers, lawyers, care workers, dinner ladies, telesales workers and retirees – to celebrate their Queen. The constant in most of our lives.

Many have come straight from laying flowers outside Buckingham Palace. Others have taken the day off work. Some have called in sick.

All have queued since 11am to get one of the 2,000 free tickets and queued again later, and for hours, in snaking lines, around Wren's masterpiece, as a piper



By Jane Fryer

AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

started playing. 'She reached us all, she led us, she inspired us, she's part of us,' says Fran Butcher from Kettering, Northamptonshire. 'After all she's done for us, we couldn't not come.'

Susanna, 40, a student mentor originally from Naples and elegant in a black veil and dark, fitted suit, says: 'It's a loss like a member of my family. I am Italian, but I feel as if one of my relatives has died. I am just a normal person, but I needed to come.'

Of course, there are some familiar faces – including our new Prime Minister Liz Truss, sitting in the front row in a smart black dress – and a spattering of ministers and MPs. But somehow, they feel rather irrelevant. Because this is about the Queen, her subjects, her faith and music.

And oh, the music! Exquisite, soaring. Perfect, from the moment organists Martin Ford and Will Fox start playing.

And so carefully chosen. Every piece selected to reflect the faith that was one of the Queen's great constants. 'All my hope on God is

founded. He doth still my trust renew,' we sing falteringly, eyes beginning to brim with tears, feeling deep sadness, but also pride and respect for a life lived so selflessly.

St Paul's itself feels different, too. So often it provides the magnificent backdrop for royal weddings and seemingly Jubilees – the Platinum, just months ago. Bursting full of overblown pomp and liveried servicemen and, occasionally, even a joke or two.

**T**ODAY there are no jokes. No trumpets or harps. No frills. And very little colour at all.

Instead, black ties galore, muted outfits, a flash or two of colour from those who had no time to go home to change after queueing for so long, and the odd hi-vis cycling jacket stuffed under chairs on the black and white checker-board floor.

All listening quietly to St Paul's Cathedral singing Behold, O God Our Defender.

Then there's Liz Truss, reading simply and clearly, from Romans 14 – 'We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves' – and possibly wondering if anyone has ever had a more extraordinary first week in a new job.

But she isn't the only newbie





St Paul's public service of thanksgiving that was...

# Exquisite, soaring, poignant and so perfectly pitched

here. Andrew Tremlett, Dean Designate of St Paul's Cathedral, only moved into the Deanery on Wednesday and had to attend an emergency meeting with the Bishop of London hours earlier so he could be licensed to conduct this service.

'It was the first time in the 33 years since I was ordained that I

had to swear allegiance to the King,' he says. 'It was very, very poignant.' But of course, it's all poignant – poor King Charles talking about his 'darling Mama', the 2,000 members of the public who ditched their plans on the spot and queued for hours to be here paying their respects.

The condolence books carried

from the altar to the back of the cathedral. An extraordinarily mournful lament by a solitary piper and the end of the great new Elizabethan Age, heralded by Clement Attlee all those years ago.

By the time we reach The Lord's My Shepherd, emotions are running high. Not that there are any

attention-seeking sobs that sometimes wash through moments of collective grief.

These are reflective and respectful tears that slide silently down cheeks of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities, as we sing on.

Until, finally, the national anthem – God Save The King – and the beginning of a new era.



Extraordinary week: Liz Truss at the Cathedral lectern last night





Pensive: Prince Harry arrives back at Windsor yesterday after spending the night at Balmoral in Scotland



Strained relationship: The Queen and the

**A**MID the personal family tragedy on Thursday, a small domestic drama was playing out.

Unsurprisingly, it involved the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

It was a fortunate coincidence of sorts that Harry and Meghan were in the country when the prince's grandmother passed away, sparing him an emotional and undoubtedly traumatic transatlantic dash as the Queen's health failed.

Despite the rancour of the past few years, no one would begrudge him the chance to mourn his beloved 'Granny', with whom he had always enjoyed a warm and fun-loving relationship.

But as the royal households were consumed in concern for the ailing monarch, the Sussexes

### The news did not go down well at the Palace

prompted an unprecedented flurry behind the scenes by announcing that Harry and Meghan would both be travelling to Balmoral.

News of their plans came via the small group of media the Sussexes deem it appropriate to deal with and tweeted out by journalists at 1.53pm. The statement read: 'From a spokesperson: The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be travelling to Scotland.'

This was, of course, news to the Palace and it did not go down well. Many behind royal walls, frankly, were incredulous.

There was half an hour on Thursday following the Sussexes' initial announcement during which matters quickly came to a head.

It is still unclear how much pressure was brought to bear by the Palace itself – or whether senior royal were involved – but a spokesman for the couple frantically began to 'clarify' their position, informing those same journalists that 'only the duke was travelling at the moment'. Exactly what hap-

pened is open to speculation. Some say that Harry and Meghan hadn't considered that William's wife wouldn't be there, with Kate staying in London instead, and

when it was pointed out that she wouldn't be, they realised how bad it looked.

Others believe Meghan was effectively banned, using the argument



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# Revealed: How left incredulous' said she was on

that Kate – now the Princess of Wales – was staying at home.

Either way, their hurried announcement that only Harry would be making the trip north from the capital prompted a sigh of relief among aides.

Putting aside the anguish of the past few years, the initial decision in itself, that both Sussexes would travel, was seen as wholly inappropriate, according to palace insiders, for one very simple reason: this was a private, family moment.

Only the two oldest children of the elderly monarch – Charles and Anne – were present when the Queen passed away.

Her other children, Andrew and

Edward, arrived as soon as they could afterwards on a plane with Prince William, who is now first in line to the throne.

Edward was accompanied by his wife, Sophie, but she is adored by the Queen, who views her as a second daughter, and is likely to have been there at her request.

Although most have assumed that Kate stayed behind because it was her children's first day at school, which is in part true, she instinctively knew this was an occasion for the Queen's blood family.

It is impossible to forget that events are taking place against a backdrop of unimaginable bitter-





Duchess of Sussex at Buckingham Palace in 2018

Grieving: The Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge – now the Princess of Wales – at the Windsor estate yesterday

# the Palace 'was when Meghan way to Balmoral

ness. So deep is the rift between the two brothers that even though Harry and William have been temporarily living just a few minutes' walk from each other at Windsor this week, there has been no attempt at contact from either party.

Relations are little better with any other members of the family either – King Charles, in particular, has been left bewildered and deeply hurt by his younger son's incessant attacks.

While no one wants an all-out war, few are in a hurry to forgive or forget Meghan's series

of laser-guided and deeply harmful accusations against family members, as well as the institution of the monarchy itself.

It was noticeable that there was no invitation for Harry to

## Had to kiss his father's hand

join the family party that headed north on Thursday, taking off from RAF Northolt bound for Aberdeen.

He made his own way to Balmoral by private jet and faced

a lonely drive to the castle, finally arriving at 7.52pm – an hour and a half after the palace's historic statement informing the nation of the death of Her Majesty.

He was seen being driven out at 8.28am yesterday, little more than 12 hours later.

During that time he would have had to kiss his father's hand, curtsy to his step-mother – and break bread with those he has caused so much hurt.

The brothers now face seeing a lot of each other as they prepare for the Queen's funeral.

Harry made his way sepa-

ately back to Windsor yesterday and there was no word last night as to whether the pair have any plans to meet – although it seems Harry will remain at Frogmore Cottage until after the funeral on September 19.

It is unclear whether Meghan is still in the country, but she has two young children back in the US and may well fly back to them, returning for the funeral.

Grief is often said to bring a family together – whether it does when it comes to Harry and the rest of the Windsor dynasty remains to be seen.

## And duchess's children HAVE got royal titles

PRINCE Harry's children have now become a prince and princess – despite Meghan's claim that her son would be denied the title.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's three-year-old son Archie Mountbatten-Windsor is now Prince Archie, while his one-year-old sister is Princess Lilibet.

In last year's bombshell interview with Oprah Winfrey, the couple suggested Archie might be blocked from becoming a prince.

Meghan spoke of her shock at being told her son would not get police protection because he did not have a title, revealing there were also 'concerns and conversations about how dark his skin might be'.

The Sussexes indicated to Oprah that they had been told protocols would be changed once Charles became King, so that Archie would be excluded from becoming an HRH and a prince.

However, the death of the Queen means they are now the grandchildren of the monarch, rather than the great-grandchildren, and are entitled to be addressed as prince and princess, and to use HRH.

It is not known if the Sussexes want Archie and Lilibet to be addressed as a prince and princess. Harry and Meghan stopped using HRH since they quit their roles as senior working royals, but still retain them.

Being a prince or princess does not automatically mean royals have police bodyguards paid for by the taxpayer, and the Sussexes have chosen to live in the US.



# Balmoral tales bring laughter to the House

By Tom Witherow

MPs packed the Commons yesterday to pay tribute to the Queen, with many standing several deep and even sitting on the floor.

They observed a minute's silence and hailed her life of service to the nation and her statesmanship, as well as sharing anecdotes of her warmth, sense of humour and love of family, nature and animals.

The Prime Minister was one of several MPs to praise the Queen's leadership in the pandemic.

Liz Truss said 'she gave us hope that we would meet again during the darkest moments', adding: 'She knew this generation of Britons would be as strong as any.'

Her predecessor Boris Johnson delivered a moving tribute to 'Elizabeth the Great', while another former resident of No 10, Theresa May, had the House laughing with a story illustrating the Queen as 'down to earth and a woman of common sense'.

While the former prime minister was being hosted at Balmoral in



Humour: Mrs May yesterday

try. It made our life smaller and more remote, but she was able to reach beyond that to reassure and steel us.'

Matt Hancock, the former health secretary, hailed the Queen as 'the greatest statesman of all time', as he praised her for 'taking the rare step of going public with her health status when declaring that she'd taken a vaccination' during the pandemic and for 'giving the country hope in dark times'.

Tory MP Andrea Leadsom gave a humorous insight into the Queen's personal life, as she told of a visit of the Privy Council to Sandringham one January.

'I recall the Queen saying what a busy Christmas she'd had, and I suggested at least her family don't need to pause Christmas lunch for the Queen's Speech,' she said.

'At which point, she told me they most certainly did! As for all of us, her family would pause their lunch and watch the Queen's Speech. She told me Princess Charlotte had run over to the screen and said: "Look! There's Gan Gan!"'

Labour MP Harriet Harman, mother of the House of Commons, said: 'The relationship between our Queen and Parliament was never just on paper, but was always active and always encouraging.'

'She radiated British values of duty, patriotism, internationalism, charity and service. But while she embodied British values, she never intervened in politics - and that is constitutional alchemy.'

Beyond Westminster, former prime minister Gordon Brown said: 'Most of all, what shone through was her complete and utter dedication to the country and to the constitution. We will all miss her greatly.'

The Queen reigned for 57 complete sessions of Parliament and oversaw 18 general elections and 15 prime ministers.



I HOPE the House will not mind if I begin with a personal confession. A few months ago, the BBC came to see me to talk about Her Majesty the Queen. And we sat down and the cameras started rolling and they requested that I should talk about her in the past tense.

And I'm afraid I simply choked up. I couldn't go on. And I am really not easily moved to tears, but I was so overcome with sadness that I had to ask them to go away.

And I know that today there are countless people in this country and around the world who have experienced the same sudden excess of unexpected emotion.

And I think millions of us are trying to understand why we are feeling this deep and personal, and almost familial sense of loss.

Perhaps it is partly that she has always been there: A changeless human reference point in British life. The person who - all the surveys say - appears most often in our dreams, so unvarying in her Pole Star radiance that we have perhaps been lulled into thinking she might be in some way eternal.

But I think our shock is keener today because we are coming to understand in her death the full magnitude of what she did for us all.

And think what we asked that 25-year-old woman all those years ago. To be the person so globally trusted that her image should be on every unit of currency, every postage stamp: The person in whose name all justice is dispensed in this country, every

law is passed; to whom every minister of the Crown swears allegiance and for whom every member of our armed services is pledged if necessary to lay down their lives.

Think what we asked of her in that moment: Not just to be the living embodiment - in her DNA - of the history and continuity and unity of this country. But to be the figurehead of our entire system, the keystone in the vast arch of the British state.

A role that only she could fulfil because, in the brilliant and durable bargain of the constitutional monarchy, only she could be trusted to be above any party-political or commercial

armed services. And that impulse to do her duty carried her through right into her tenth decade - to the very moment in Balmoral, as my Right Honourable Friend has said, only three days ago - when she saw off her 14th prime minister and welcomed her 15th.

And I can tell you that in that audience, she was as radiant and as knowledgeable and as fascinated by politics as ever I can remember, and as wise in her advice as anyone I know - if not wiser.

And over that extraordinary span of public service, with her naturally retentive and inquiring mind, I think - and doubtless many of that 15 would agree - she became the greatest statesman and diplomat of all.

And she knew instinctively how to cheer up the nation, how to lead a celebration, and I remember her innocent joy more than ten years ago after the opening ceremony of the London Olympics, when I told her that a leader of a friendly Middle Eastern country seemed actually to believe that she had jumped out of a helicopter in a pink dress and parachuted into the stadium.

And I remember her equal pleasure on being told just a few weeks ago that she had been a smash hit in her performance with Paddington Bear.

And perhaps more importantly, she knew how to keep us going, when times were toughest.

In 1940, when this country and this democracy faced the real possibility of extinction, she gave a broadcast - aged only 14 - that was intended to reassure the children of Britain.

She said then: 'We know, every one of us, that in the end all will be well.' She was right. And she

*Think what we asked of her all those years ago*

interest, and to incarnate impartially the very concept and essence of the nation.

Think what we asked of her - and think what she gave. She showed the world not just how to reign over a people, she showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve.

And as we look back at that vast arc of service, its sheer duration is almost impossible to take in.

She was the last living person in British public life to have served in uniform in the Second World War. She was the first female member of the Royal Family in a thousand years to serve full time in the

## 'At the heart of this nation's life'

Scotland, she attended a picnic with Her Majesty - and ended up facing a tricky decision concerning some cheese.

Mrs May said: 'Hampers came from the castle and we all mucked in. I picked up some cheese and put it on a plate, and was transferring it to the table. The cheese fell on the floor. I had a split-second decision to make.'

'I picked up the cheese and put it on the plate and put it on the table. I turned around to see that my every move was being watched very carefully by Her Majesty the Queen.'

'I looked at her, she looked at me and she just smiled. And the cheese remained on the table.'

Opposition leader Sir Keir Starmer reflected on the personal relationship the Queen had with her subjects.

He said: 'For the 70 glorious years of her reign, our Queen was at the heart of this nation's life.'

'She did not simply reign over us, she lived alongside us. She shared in our hopes and our fears, our joy and our pain, our good times and our bad.'

He recalled how she inspired the nation during the pandemic, saying: 'Covid closed the front doors of every home in the coun-





# No politician is as passionately patriotic or as eloquent as Boris. Read his tribute to the Queen in full



Touching eulogy: Boris Johnson yesterday and, above, a minute's silence in the Commons

was right again in the darkest days of the Covid pandemic, when she came on our screens to tell us that we would meet again. And we did.

And I know I speak for other ex-PMs when I say that she helped to comfort and guide us, as well as the nation, because she had the patience and the sense of history to see that troubles come and go and that disasters are seldom as

bad as they seem. And it was that indomitability, that humour, that work ethic, that sense of history which together made her Elizabeth the Great.

And when I call her that – Elizabeth the Great – I should add one final quality, her humility. Her single-bar electric fire, Tupperware-using refusal to be grand, unlike us politicians with our outriders and our armour-

plated convoys. I can tell you as a direct eyewitness she drove herself in her own car, with no detectives and no bodyguard, bouncing at alarming speed over the Scottish landscape, to the total amazement of the ramblers and tourists we encountered.

And it is that indomitable spirit with which she created the modern constitutional monarchy.

An institution so strong and so

happy and so well understood – not just in this country but in the Commonwealth and around the world – that the succession has already seamlessly taken place.

And I believe she would regard it as her own highest achievement that her son – Charles III – will clearly and amply follow her own extraordinary standards of duty and service.

And the fact that today we

can say with such confidence 'God Save The King' is a tribute to him but above all to Elizabeth the Great, who worked so hard for the good of her country not just now, but for generations to come.

That is why we mourn her so deeply. And it is in the depths of our grief that we understand why we loved her so much.



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# New King's audience with Britain's new PM

**His Majesty receives Liz Truss at the palace after PM hails an 'era of hope'**

By **John Stevens**  
Deputy Political Editor

THE King held his first audience with the Prime Minister at Buckingham Palace yesterday, just three days after she was formally appointed by his mother.

His Majesty greeted Liz Truss at the historic meeting shortly after he returned to London from Balmoral.

The Prime Minister yesterday pledged to support the King as he 'takes our country forward to a new era of hope and progress, our new Carolean age'.

Speaking in the House of Commons ahead of the audience, Miss Truss said Britain 'must show the world that we do not fear what lies ahead' after 'our lives changed forever' following the death of the Queen.

'His Majesty King Charles III bears an awesome responsibility that he now carries for all of us,' the Prime Minister told MPs. 'Even as he mourns, his sense of duty and service is clear.'

'He has already made a profound contribution through his work on conservation, education and his tireless diplomacy. We owe him our loyalty and devotion.'

'The crown endures. Our nation endures. And in that spirit, I say God save the King.'

Miss Truss and the Cabinet will attend the Accession Council this morning when Charles III will formally be proclaimed King. Penny Mordaunt will officiate as Lord President of the Privy Council.

In the House of Commons at lunchtime, Miss Truss will be among senior MPs who will take the oath to the King.

Later this afternoon, the Prime Minister and Cabinet will have an audience with His Majesty.

The late Queen appointed Miss Truss as her 15th prime minister at Balmoral on Tuesday – in what was to be one of her final official duties during her 70-year reign.

The Prime Minister yesterday paid tribute to her as 'one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known'. She said the Queen 'remained determined to carry out her duties' even at the age of 96.

'It was just three days ago at Balmoral that she invited me to form a Government and become her

15th prime minister,' she added. 'Again she generously shared with me her deep experience of government, even in those last days.'

Miss Truss referenced how, in the Queen's first televised Christmas message in 1957, she said: 'Today we need a special kind of courage so we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future.'

Commenting on the quote, the Prime Minister added: 'We need

that courage now.' She also signed a book of condolence to the Queen, saying: 'She was the rock on which modern Britain was built.'

Boris Johnson also told MPs the Queen was 'as radiant and as knowledgeable as ever' in their last meeting on Tuesday.

The former prime minister, who had travelled to Balmoral to offer his resignation shortly before Miss Truss was appointed, said: 'That impulse to do her duty carried her right through into her tenth decade to the very moment in Balmoral... only three days ago, when she saw off her 14th prime minister and welcomed her 15th.'

'I can tell you, in that audience, she was as radiant and as knowledgeable and as fascinated by politics as ever I can remember and as wise in her advice as anyone I know, if not wiser.'

Yesterday the photographer who took the last picture of the Queen greeting Miss Truss at Balmoral said she had 'seemed very happy'.

Jane Barlow, a Press Association photographer, said: 'When I came into the room with the Queen's press secretary, she was very smiley. There was a wee while we had to wait for Liz Truss to be announced so during that short time she did comment on the weather... She seemed in very good spirits. Obviously she was very frail but she was very smiley.'



Change of guard: Liz Truss and the Queen on Tuesday



First impressions: Miss Truss curtsies as she is introduced to the King

**Carrie: She was so warm and kind... we were lucky that she was our Queen**

CARRIE Johnson last night said how the Queen sent her a message of support when her husband was battling Covid-19 in intensive care.

Writing on Instagram, the former prime minister's wife said the monarch was 'so warm and kind and funny'.

'We were so lucky that she was our Queen,' she added.

'I will also always remember her comforting words when Boris was very ill in ICU and I was sick with worry. We will all miss her so much.'

She concluded her post with: 'God Save The King.'



Supportive message: The Queen with Boris and Carrie Johnson in 2021





Historic meeting: King Charles and the PM at Buckingham Palace yesterday



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Now duty calls: King Charles boards his plane at Aberdeen for the flight to London



Return of the King: The aircraft carrying Charles and Camilla lands in west London

by **SAM GREENHILL**  
and **ALICE WRIGHT**

**STILL** shell-shocked from the news of the Queen's death, the Royal Family and the nation embarked on the first day of mourning yesterday.

Across the land, schoolchildren and workers paused to honour Her Majesty, and thousands gathered to lay flowers.

Electronic advertising hoardings switched to show faces of the monarch and the capital cities of the UK echoed with the boom of gun salutes. And as the nation began to come to terms with the saddest of news, the grieving royals began the process of saying their own farewells as the King's reign took hold.

## PUBLIC TRIBUTES

**EVEN** before dawn yesterday, crowds began gathering at the Queen's principal residences. Windsor Castle, her primary home in latter years, was a place of mournful silence as well-wishers laid flowers and reflected on her life.

As the day wore on, thousands of the curious and the sad made the pilgrimage to the gates of the castle. Children too young to understand the enormity of the events were among those in tears.

Sarah Minch had brought her son Johnny, five, to lay flowers. Attached was a card with Paddington Bear on the front.

She said: 'We loved the sketch she did with Paddington for the Platinum Jubilee, and hopefully that is something my son will remember watching. It's those shared moments that can be so important. It's desperately sad and I wanted to bring him here to pay our respects.'

Alice, eight, came with her mother to lay down bright pink roses and a hand-drawn picture of Queen Elizabeth wearing a crown and standing underneath a rainbow. A couple from nearby Bracknell, Angela and Gareth Jenkins, brought hand-picked flowers from their own garden.

She said: 'We've been very saddened by the news. We drove over this morning to leave these flowers, just to pay our respects to Her Majesty and acknowledge our gratitude for her service really.'

## THE KING LEAVES BALMORAL

**ON** the Balmoral estate, the new King Charles III and the new heir to the throne, William, were preparing to face the epoch-making day.

It was late morning when an ashen-faced Charles was seen first for the first time since his accession to the throne.

With the Queen Consort, Camilla, he was driven out of Birkhall, his own Scottish residence a short distance from Balmoral Castle, at 11.15am. Dressed entirely in black, she was sat in the front passenger seat, staring straight ahead.

Charles, dressed in his mourning clothes of a black suit and tie, looked sombre as he sat in the back with a protection officer.

Their party arrived at Aberdeen airport at 12.14pm.

They emerged from the car amid blustery conditions, Camilla under a bubble umbrella and a windswept Charles exchanging

pleasantries with staff before boarding an Embraer Legacy 600 executive jet operated by the Royal Air Force.

The RAF wasted no time and it was wheels-up at 12.30pm as the historic flight down to Buckingham Palace got under way, its progress followed live on flight tracker websites by more than 240,000 people.

## HARRY FIRST TO GO

**PRINCE** Harry, however, had been the first to emerge from Balmoral Castle, grief etched on his face.

He sat bereft in the rear of a Range Rover as it swept through the gates at 8.28am for the journey back to Aberdeen Airport.

The Duke of Sussex, having lost his desperate race against time the

previous evening to reach his beloved grandmother in time to say goodbye, had spent only 12 hours at the castle overnight.

The last to arrive, he was the first to leave, and on both occasions did so alone.

Flanked by five police outriders, Harry arrived at the airport at 9.20am. On Thursday, he had chartered a private jet in his dash

to reach the Queen's bedside. Yesterday, he boarded a scheduled British Airways flight to London's Heathrow. For a moment there was a brief glimpse of the unstuffy Prince Harry of old, when he instinctively put his arm around an airport worker who offered her condolences.

Phyllis Stewart comforted the duke as she walked him to the air-







Sombre: King Charles disembarks as he prepares to face the nation



Lost in thought: A pensive Queen Camilla on the journey from Balmoral back to the capital

# First day of mourning for a nation still reeling from her loss



craft steps. In turn, the duke, wearing a black suit and carrying his own shoulder bag, smiled and gently patted her shoulder before climbing up the steps.

His BA flight took off at 10am. It must have seemed like almost no time since he was last in the air, the day before, when Buckingham Palace made the announcement to the world

before his plane had landed. Once back in London, a pensive-looking Harry was driven to Windsor where he was reunited with the Duchess of Sussex at Frogmore Cottage.

Meghan, after initially planning to come to Balmoral with her husband, had stayed in Windsor

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Main picture: Beefeaters on parade Above: A gun salute at the Tower of London yesterday



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**Flower child:** A youngster adds a sunflower to the bouquets outside Windsor Castle yesterday



**Top guns:** Shooting enthusiasts at the Welsh Game Fair carried out

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after a change of plan that was waspishly interpreted by the BBC's royal correspondent Nicholas Witchell as a response to concerns 'she might not be terribly warmly welcomed, to be perfectly candid about it'.

## TRIBUTES IN LONDON

AS the King flew south, MPs in the House of Commons were offering eulogies to his late mother. The chamber was a sea of black.

At 12.49pm, backbench MP Boris Johnson – only three days after his own trip to Balmoral to resign as prime minister – gave a beautiful and heartfelt tribute, dubbing her 'Elizabeth the Great'.

He told the Commons: 'She showed the world not just how to reign over a people, she showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve.'

'On Tuesday, she saw off her 14th Prime Minister and welcomed her 15th – and I can tell you, in that audience, she was as radiant, and as knowledgeable, and as fascinated by politics as ever. I think she became the greatest statesman and diplomat of all.'

Outside in Hyde Park, there was a procession of 71 horses from The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, of which 36 pulled First World War-era 13-pounder field guns into position.

Similar guns were being wheeled into place at the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company – and by other Armed Forces personnel in Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Plymouth, York, Stonehenge and Portsmouth, and overseas in Gibraltar and Jersey.

At 1pm precisely, they fired the Death Gun Salute – one round every 10 seconds, with 96 rounds to mark every year of the Queen's long life.

## RETURN TO THE CAPITAL

WHEN the King's flight touched down at RAF Northolt in west London at 1.34pm, the sunshine came out.

In fact, it was apparently so stuffy inside the State Rolls Royce sent to collect him that Charles spent some time apparently struggling to find the button to lower the window.

And then, with Camilla by his side, the King's party cruised on to the A40 and into central London. Police motorcycle outriders zipped ahead to stop the traffic at junctions, and as the convoy threaded its way through streets near Paddington, stunned Londoners stopped what they were doing as they suddenly realised the historic moment they were witnessing – King Charles III's approach to Buckingham Palace. Even before the convoy reached the final leg, Constitution Hill, the streets were lined with well-wishers.

And as the Rolls Royce rounded the corner to the palace, Charles experienced the first taste of the public's reaction to him becoming King – thunderous applause.

What followed was stunning affirmation, if he needed it, of the nation's rapturous embrace.

As he stepped from the car and walked down a line of well-wishers outside the palace gates, he was bestowed at every step with

cheers, tears and cries of 'God save the King'. One woman kissed his hand – another kissed his cheek.

'God bless you Sir', and 'We love you, King Charles – and we loved your mum' were among the remarks, along with a hearty 'Well done Charlie!' from a man at the back.

The King seemed overwhelmed, but managed to thank everyone as he shook at least a hundred hands. Vicky Binley, 51, who kissed

Charles on the hand, said he told her: 'Oh thank you so much, I've been dreading this day.'

## A NATION MOURNS

THE warmth of the nation towards the new King was reflected outside royal residences everywhere. Members of the public offered Charles their best wishes as they laid flowers and mourned the Queen. At Windsor, the Green Watch of the



**Prayers:** Pupils and teachers observe a minute's silence at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School, in Milton Keynes

Windsor Castle Fire Service laid flowers at the gate with a note saying 'Rest in Peace Your Majesty. Thank you for 70 years of Service.'

PC McAllister of Surrey Police wrote in a note on flowers: 'Rest now, Your Majesty. We are proud to have served you. 'You were a beacon of shining light and the perfect monarch. You will be missed. Thank you for everything Ma'am.' In a sign of the changing times,

some people used their phones to hold video calls with elderly relatives or those unable to travel distances to show them the tributes as they were being laid.

At Balmoral, the Queen's coffin, draped in the Royal Standard with a wreath of her favourite flowers, is resting in the castle's ballroom, where Her Majesty had danced as a girl. The Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge departed at lunchtime to return to London,





their own salute and a two-minute silence



Lest we forget: Images of the Queen at her most regal replace advertisements on the streets of Edinburgh yesterday



Right: Images of the young Queen and her older self replace the giant adverts that normally dominate Piccadilly Circus in central London

Below: Charles is given a warm reception by hundreds of wellwishers outside Buckingham Palace



and was last night back with his family in Windsor.

Today William will undertake his first duties as the heir to the throne as he joins the Privy Council for the proclamation of his father as monarch.

### KING'S ADDRESS

LAST night there was a public service of remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral in central

London, attended Miss Truss and senior ministers.

And at 6pm, the King melted hearts with an address to the nation, broadcast on television and inside the cathedral.

He paid tribute to his late mother and spoke of his 'profound sorrow'. He said she was 'an inspiration', an example to him and to his family and was 'mourned most deeply'.





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Kindred souls: Charles and Camilla share a joke in New Zealand

**S**HE wasn't born to be a queen, yet she will be one. She had no desire for a crown, yet she will now wear one. She felt no need for a life embroidered with titles yet, she is now Her Majesty, with all the pomp and pageantry that involves.

The journey that has taken the former Mrs Camilla Parker Bowles from mistress to Queen Consort at the side of King Charles has been both remarkable and, at times, brutal. It has meant acquiring a resilience and a sense of purpose that few believed she could possess.

Along the way, since her marriage to the Prince of Wales in 2005, she has managed to display a bold and imaginative jauntiness that has been warm, well-received and unthreatening.

Now comes an even bigger test. As wife to the monarch where her words and deeds will receive even greater attention, these accomplishments will be ever more necessary. But to be a success in this role she will need more.

So how will she approach this daunting new stage in her life, and is she, at the relatively advanced age of 75, equipped for all that it entails?

Those who know her best, her family, are confident that she is. One key attribute, they say, is that she brims with common sense — a quality that is sadly in short supply in the current Royal Family.

They also point to her unfussy ordinariness. Indeed that very ordinariness may turn out to be her greatest asset.

She will, after all, be the first crowned Queen Consort who used to do the weekly family shop at Sainsbury's and who once upon a time only had one smart dress (from Monsoon) in her wardrobe.

'She gets the mystique of royalty but she also has this approachable side which means she knows about the economies of running a home,' says a close friend. It is this emotional intelligence which has been vital at shoring up Charles at times of personal crisis.

Some things must and will change. Can she, for example, continue to



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most of her remaining time at Windsor Castle.)

For Charles, the time it took for him to come to the Throne was known by those around him as the 'eternal wait'.

But it did mean he was the most well-prepared monarch in British history. In Camilla, meanwhile, there has been a subtle difference during her 17 years as Charles's wife.

As one friend put it: 'She is prepared but she has not been preparing; there is a difference. It means she has been aware of the future but not planning for it.'

It is more than 70 years since Britain last had a Queen Consort and it is tempting to wonder if Camilla will model herself on the late Queen Mother, who earned the undying gratitude of the nation supporting her hesitant husband King George VI during the dark days of World War II.

Certainly she will want to cushion Charles as indeed Queen Elizabeth did for Bertie — and Philip for his Lilibet — at times of trouble, which are certain to come.

But because she is a relative newcomer in royal terms, she will be a more supportive figure than those previous icons, happier in the background.

Her brilliance, say fans, is that she has 'very good radar'. These friends say that she always knows what is going on, is good at picking



Off to the shops: Camilla stocking up at a Sainsbury's branch in Gloucester back in 1992

up palace gossip and can sift fact from fiction. She also has good judgment.

It was Camilla's ear, attuned to potential danger, that persuaded Charles last November finally to part with long-standing aide and former valet Michael Fawcett following the cash-for-honours scandal. It also revealed a little of her ruthlessness — for it was Fawcett who did much to help smooth her path from pariah to partner in the years after Princess Diana's death.

That has always been her strength, though conducted out of public view. If there is hesitancy — and there was certainly a little when she accompanied the King to greet mourners and well-wishers outside the Palace yesterday — it is only to be expected.

Charles is a master at meeting crowds and it has often been the case that as Prince it was he who was putting his wife at ease at such events, rather than the other way round — as it so often was with Philip and the Queen.

In the early days of her royal life Camilla's stamina could not keep up with the demands on her time. Now those physical demands are going to be even greater. The next ten days are going to be the most gruelling she has ever faced, at an age when most of her friends are

comfortably retired and facing nothing more demanding than babysitting grandchildren.

She will also need to come to terms with her fear of flying as for five years at least Charles will want to make his mark in the Commonwealth.

Camilla will be more in the public eye now than at any previous time, including those dark days when she was outed as the 'third person' in Diana's marriage.

And yet when she has the chance to sparkle she does so with style.

While lacking the intellectual range of Prince Philip, Camilla

literature, art and architecture. One area where she can undoubtedly perform a public service will be in soothing her husband's often-worried brow. As Prince he has frequently crossed swords with politicians: as King he will be risking his crown if he does so.

She understands that and she has been instrumental in recent years in persuading him to moderate his opinions.

Camilla, then, is responsible for transforming Charles from the angry and bitter figure that emerged from the ruins of his marriage to Diana to the confidence he exudes today. Yet her evolution is even more extraordinary.

So much has changed. This time exactly 25 years ago Camilla was living in virtual hiding as she was scapegoated for death of the Princess of Wales.

When Charles later went to see his mother to try to win her support for his relationship with the then Mrs Parker Bowles, he was firmly rebuffed. The Queen, ever conscious of the fragility of the Throne, wouldn't hear of it.

For the next few years the relationship was conducted privately and off-limits, except to a handful of close and trusted friends. When it did finally emerge into the spotlight, the woman once seen as the problem for the

## Unlike many royals, she has common sense

retreat as she has as Duchess of Cornwall to the reassuring familiarity of Raymill House, the Wiltshire bolthole she refused to part with after marrying Charles?

This, remember, is where she kicks back and where her children and grandchildren are spared the formalities of royal residences and where no one frets if the washing up is piled too high.

But as the Sovereign's wife there will be fewer opportunities for such escapes — and many more demands on her time. There will also be other homes, including Buckingham Palace, where it has been years since a monarch and consort have lived together. (Prince Philip moved out on his retirement from royal duty in 2017 and the Queen chose to spend

## Camilla treats everything as an adventure

does, however, also have an erudite outlook that complements her husband. Her passion for books — she is patron of the National Literacy Trust and the Book Trust — means we will have perhaps the most cultured monarch and consort ever, encompassing



# She's our first Queen who used to do a weekly shop in Sainsbury's. And that very ordinariness may be her greatest asset

monarchy was being hailed as the solution.

Camilla adjusted to her ever-changing life with remarkable *sangfroid*. It is hard to believe she didn't allow herself a small smile when the Queen's reported view was related to her as: 'Since Camilla isn't going anywhere, she may as well be welcomed.'

The Queen knew that being monarch required teamwork.

She and Philip had been a team: and the fears she'd had about Charles and his obsessions stemmed from a concern that he had no one with whom to share the burden of responsibility.

'Camilla has always treated everything as an adventure,' says a friend. 'And if she adopts the same strategy to being consort, it might all be less of an ordeal than she fears.'

There will be adjustments. She will have to accept being less accessible in public than she has become accustomed to — possibly a little cooler, too. 'Don't forget

the word "majesty" means dignity. Both she and Charles will have to make themselves a little more remote in their encounters with the public,' says a long-time royal adviser.

For now the novelty of her new position will take priority for Camilla. If it is in danger of overwhelming her — as well it might — she can rely on the two people who will ensure her feet remain on the ground...her children Tom and Laura.

They had ringside seats when their mother was being vilified by critics at the height of the Wales's marriage crisis. Unencumbered by titles, they are also critical in giving their mother those real-life experiences from which the Royal Family remain detached.

'She has always been part of their lives, knows and likes their friends and this has been a healthy distraction from her other existence as a royal,' says a close figure.

The coming days will be a time of great change for the former

duchess. There will be planning for the move into the Queen's apartments at Buckingham Palace — rooms barely altered since the 1950s. And who to keep and who to let go among the staff.

The passing of the crown is always abrupt — and for Camilla, who never expected to be Queen, the change is likely to be profound.

At 73, the reign of King Charles III is unlikely to be marked by any jubilees as his mother's was. Indeed his task would seem to be to secure the monarchy for William and Kate.

Once that is safely negotiated, it seems certain that the next phase of his kingship will be to present him as a grandfather figure, in the same way King Edward VII was styled after the long reign of Queen Victoria.

This will offer Camilla the appealing prospect of emulating the Queen Mother as grandmother of the nation. It's a role she seems ready made for.



Looking majestic: At the State Opening of Parliament in 2016





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# So how DO woman like

**W**E KNEW the Queen's death was going to be a heavy blow but I don't think many people foresaw how deeply it would affect the soul of the nation, and unleash so many waves of grief.

That final picture of her at Balmoral, taken only four days ago, says it all. The Queen had just seen off Boris Johnson, and was welcoming her 15th Prime Minister, Liz Truss.

She can't have been feeling well. Her poor right hand is partly black. And yet she is smiling, as she so often was throughout her long reign. In her state of health, she must have struggled, but she went on. It was her duty.

We ordinary self-indulgent mortals can scarcely comprehend what it entailed for this exceptional woman to sacrifice herself in this way — to smile when she may not have felt like smiling, to be polite when perhaps she did not feel so well-disposed towards every member of humanity.

And throughout it all she kept her own feelings to herself in an extraordinary act of self-denial. In a confessional age she kept her counsel. She bore in silence a mother's excruciating anxiety of having a son, Andrew, risk his life in the Falklands War. She could not share her grief with her people at her husband's death.

Few of us end up having lived our lives as we set out to do. Queen Elizabeth triumphantly succeeded in fulfilling her pledge to serve her nation, which she made in Cape Town on her 21st birthday in 1947.

Her sense of duty really was awe-inspiring. She reminded us that brave human beings can achieve great things. I am certain it would not have been possible for her if she had not believed that she was an anointed daughter of God, serving His purposes. I believe she was, and did.

Many who do not or cannot share this view will nonetheless accept that she was a very remarkable person who cared for this old country of ours with love and endurance. We know

## *'The King comes to the throne with heavy baggage'*

she was unique, and that is why it is so hard for us to accept that she is no longer here.

So King Charles III — how odd those words are to write! — steps into a void. He is by some margin the oldest monarch ever to accede to the throne. As a son, his grief is infinitely more painful than ours, as was evident in his eloquent and moving broadcast address last night. I have little doubt that he is full of trepidation. He certainly should be.

How do you follow a woman like the Queen? It is immensely challenging because of what she has achieved. And it is also difficult — we must be frank, as so much is at stake — because the new King comes to the throne carrying some heavy baggage.

When Elizabeth became a young Queen in February 1952, relatively little was known about her, and what was known was good. It was, in any case, a much more deferential age in which public criticism of the monarchy was almost inconceivable.

King Charles is an elderly man, whose eventful private life has been picked over by the media, and whose openly expressed views about all manner of things — from architecture to global warming to farming to conservation — are well known. It is a strange reflection that we know far more about the inner man than we ever did about his mother.

I believe most of us have forgiven him for his undoubted mistreatment of Diana, Princess of Wales, and those few who haven't probably never will. There is anyway nothing

he can do about what is in the past.

But there is much he can do in other ways — and must do in order to secure the future of an institution which his mother has passed on to him in a strong condition, respected as it is by the majority of the British people.

In a television interview in 2018, Charles was adamant that he wouldn't be a 'meddling' king. It is imperative that he lives up to his promise to follow his mother's example, rather than emit contentious opinions that are bound to divide his subjects.

That he has done so in the past is beyond dispute. I happen to agree with quite a lot of what he has said — on the ugliness of most modern

architecture, for instance. On the other hand, his apocalyptic statements about climate change have, to my mind, occasionally verged on the hysterical.

In 2009, for example, he warned that we had '100 months to act' before the damage caused by global warming became irreversible. Thirteen years later, even climate change zealots concede that we still have time to save the planet.

Of course, many will agree with Charles's opinions about the importance of tackling climate change while they may scorn his utterances about architecture. That is my point. An outspoken monarch is bound to be divisive, and weaken the institution.

There is also a danger in becoming

involved in politics, which he has sometimes done. I don't think many will object to his expressing concerns in a personal letter to Tony Blair about Lynx helicopters performing poorly in high temperatures in Iraq. He had private information which he acted upon in a public-spirited way.

But he was well out of bounds when, as recently as June, he reportedly described the Government's policy of sending asylum seekers to Rwanda as 'appalling'. That is a perfectly reasonable point of view, but it shouldn't have been expressed by the heir to the throne about elected politicians.

The Queen was a highly intelligent and very well-informed woman, yet she was able to keep her thoughts

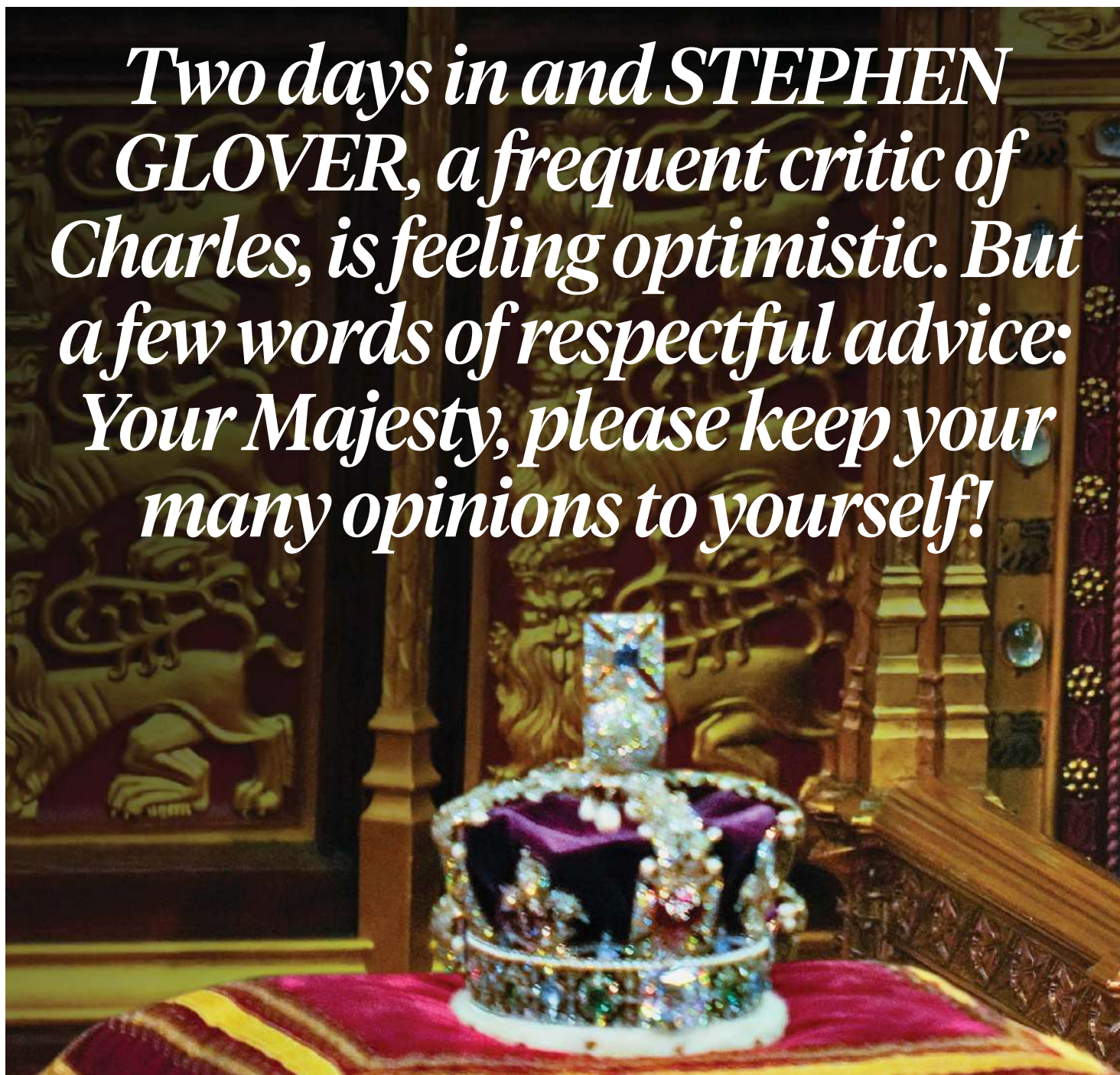
about culture and politics to herself — to the great benefit of the monarchy and her people.

Dearest to her heart were the Commonwealth and the continued existence of the United Kingdom — viewpoints that are hardly controversial except, in the latter instance, to Scottish and Welsh nationalists.

There is perhaps an edge of arrogance in Charles which encourages him to open his mouth when he shouldn't, and sometimes to act in a way that is unwise in a future sovereign.

It has been recently reported that in 2013 he accepted £1 million for his charity from the family of Osama bin Laden, the most destructive terrorist who has ever

*Two days in and STEPHEN GLOVER, a frequent critic of Charles, is feeling optimistic. But a few words of respectful advice: Your Majesty, please keep your many opinions to yourself!*





# you follow a the Queen?



Standing in: A pensive Charles beside the Imperial State Crown, symbolising the Queen, at the State Opening of Parliament in May

Picture: ALASTAIR GRANT/WPA POOL/GETTY

lived. Prince Charles's courtiers claim the decision was taken by the trustees.

On another occasion around the same time, Charles is reported to have accepted a holdall containing one million euros from Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani, a former prime minister of Qatar, during a one-to-one meeting in Clarence House. This money was also intended for good causes.

In both instances, Charles's conduct wasn't what one would expect in an heir to the throne. It would be considered practically scandalous in a British monarch. We must hope that Queen Consort Camilla, who seems a sensible woman, will offer her husband firm advice.

In last night's address, King

Charles sensibly undertook to step back from his charities, and declared that he would 'count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla'.

Our new King would be wise to remember that there are still many republicans in this country who have stayed their hand, and kept quiet in recent years on account of the Queen's great popularity.

If Charles's standing with the public should slump as a result of silly, self-inflicted wounds, these republicans will be quick to pounce, and their numbers could quickly swell.

Despite all this, I believe our new King to be a decent, cultured and well-intentioned man — far to be preferred over his indulgent great-

great grandfather, Edward VII, or his spineless great uncle, Edward VIII, who gave up the throne.

If he can emulate his mother by remaining silent about public issues while avoiding confrontation with politicians, and if he behaves in a circumspect and kingly way, he will be doing himself, and the precious office he holds, a great service. Somehow he looked the part in his appearances yesterday. Perhaps he has already been touched by the mystique of monarchy.

There are, it must be said, also problems within the Royal Family that are not of his making. One is the position of his brother Andrew, who has effectively been deprived of his royal role as a consequence

of allegations that he sexually abused Virginia Giuffre more than two decades ago when she was 17.

Although he continues strenuously to deny these allegations, in February Prince Andrew reached an out-of-court settlement with his accuser said to be worth £7.5 million. Is this the end of the matter? Andrew may be a smouldering piece of potentially lethal ordnance.

And then there is Prince Harry, who unfortunately for him arrived too late on Thursday to be at his grandmother's bedside. He is dramatically at odds with his father, Charles, and with his brother, William. In fact, he is estranged from most of the Royal Family.

Perhaps, at least in the short-

term, the Queen's death will induce Harry to build bridges with those who still plainly love him but from whom he has emotionally separated himself.

But I fear that, as long as he remains married to Meghan, these two self-absorbed and not entirely straightforward iconoclasts will continue to detonate bomblets that are liable to hurt the King.

I'm afraid to say that, unless they desist, the only solution will be to deprive them of their royal titles so that their barbs, already tiresome to a growing number of people, will be rendered less damaging.

King Charles III is not without his problems and challenges — that's for sure. I haven't even mentioned the possibility that Australia and New Zealand may react to the death of the Queen, who was popular in those countries, by declaring republics, and jettisoning the monarch as head of state.

And then there is Scotland. It is possible that affection for the Queen north of the border helped to keep the glue in place as the United Kingdom threatens to fall apart. Her demise could be cited by nationalists as a reason to break up our country.

Yet despite all these storm clouds, I remain hopeful that the reign of King Charles will be a fruitful one, and that he will in due course hand over an institution to Prince William which is in as good a state as it is today.

The reason for my optimism lies in what has happened since the Queen died. Not even two full days yet, though it seems like an age. I feel as though I have learnt a lot about my country, and its greatness.

When a considerable former president dies in the United States

## *'The monarchy will endure... it heals divisions'*

or France, there is of course much grief and mourning. Tears are shed and eloquent speeches are delivered. But it is not the same.

It is not the same because, much more than any alternative system, monarchy has deep roots in people's hearts, as we have witnessed since Thursday, and will see until long after the Queen has been laid to rest in St George's Chapel, Windsor, beside her husband.

She was the best of monarchs, of course. She became a wise older woman who gave us stability and reassurance in a way a younger woman, or perhaps any man, could never quite do. She was a unifier of classes and nations. A healer.

This rare woman was woven into the life of our country. Our parents and grandparents and even their parents have known her as we have. I was born a month before she became Queen. The span of her reign is the span of my life.

I write these words from Italy, which got rid of its monarch in 1946. I think many Italians are probably a little envious of our institution. I suspect they think that the Queen was a sweet elderly woman, whereas we know that she was much, much more.

None of her immediate successors is likely to have her special gifts since she was unique. But unless they are fools — and I don't think King Charles is a fool — the monarchy will endure because it symbolises our sense of nationhood, and heals many of our divisions.

Elizabeth II showed us as perfectly as is possible the benefits of monarchy. There'll be trouble ahead. Of course there will. There always is. But we'll be all right if we remember what our dear Queen has done for us.



# Our new Prince &

## WILLIAM

*Will have more time to focus on his new role now he no longer has to nursemaid his younger brother. His plan? To bring much more optimism to 'dreary' public life*

by REBECCA ENGLISH

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**A**LL eyes may be on our new King and Queen, but another significant change in national life will warrant the public's attention.

For the first time in more than 60 years, the country has a new Prince and Princess of Wales.

In his address to the nation last night, King Charles III announced that William is now officially the Prince of Wales and Kate the Princess of Wales.

And I am told the heir to the throne, as he now is, has a good idea of how he wants to approach his new role.

'The duke was incredibly close to his grandmother, he looked up to her like no one else. And that service and duty that she epitomised is something that will very much be a characteristic of his future role,' one source close to William said. 'He learned from the best.'

Knowing this day would come sooner or later, I spent months talking to William's inner circle to find out what kind of Prince of Wales he will be.

Practically, of course, the biggest change will be his funding.

He will inherit from his father the £1.2billion Duchy of Cornwall, an estate comprising land holdings and investments, which has kept successive Princes of Wales in small change since the 14th century.

Last year the profits from this, which can now be used by William, amounted to £23million – although Charles always chose to pay tax voluntarily on it. Instead of having to go cap in hand to his father for funding, William will be the master of all he surveys.

The Duchy is one thing on which both William and his father – who have found themselves at loggerheads on many issues over the years – have agreed.

William, 40, has admired his father's careful stewardship of the estate, and Charles is largely considered to be an excellent landlord by his tenants, setting up hardship funds and keeping a close eye on rents.

**W**ILLIAM has also spent the last few years 'future-proofing' his charitable empire, the Royal Foundation, and ensuring his major project, the Earthshot Prize, is able to operate independently without his day-to-day involvement so that he can take on new affairs of state.

I am told he wants to hand these initiatives on to his own children when he becomes king one day. Like his father, William is determined to continue to push issues including the environment, mental health and homelessness.

'He will remain very hands-on,' says a friend. 'He believes that as Prince of Wales he can continue to make a significant contribution, particularly in the area of housing and homelessness. He knew he needs to tread carefully but he won't be silent. He's inherited a lot of his father's campaigning zeal.'

'He shares his father's willingness to speak if there's something he believes in for the long term. The Prince of Wales was ridiculed for his views on climate change and look at him now. William wants to bring that to his own work.'

The friend added: 'He's not going to be happy if there's some big challenge that's not getting proper attention because of his position he will have to say something. Of course he will be very careful. He doesn't like courting controversy but he is not afraid of taking risks.'

That doesn't mean William and Kate will be stomping around the public arena, hectoring and lecturing on any subject that draws their attention.

A friend said: 'He knows that he and the duchess are going to have to cover a lot more ground and

pick and choose their causes carefully. There are, to put it delicately, significantly fewer members of the Royal Family than there were previously and ten times the need for their help.'

Friends say William is also keen to be defined by a 'sense of optimism'. 'He thinks that is the essence of the job of the Royal Family. He and Catherine both feel there's not a lot of optimism in public life and it can feel pretty dreary at times,' one former aide tells me.

'There are some incredible people in our country doing amazing things and they believe it's their job to counter pessimism and highlight the good.'

But how will they do this with fewer royals in the mix? What about the Duke of York's eviction from public life and Harry and Meghan's acrimonious departure. These are blows to their future plans, surely?

'Clearly it's not what they had envisaged,' says one close adviser. Interestingly, much as he loves his cousins, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, William believes they should not have a role in public life.

'He adores his cousins and values their love and support hugely. He is always telling his team to make sure they are invited to the big

occasions and is focused on making sure his team fosters a good relationship with them,' says a member of his inner circle. 'But like his father he believes a slimmed down monarchy is the way forward.'

However, Princess Anne, Prince Edward and his wife Sophie are still very much part of the plan moving forward. 'He has so much respect for his aunt's diligence and work ethic and is incredibly close to the Wessexes. They are very much part of the future,' a source confirms.

**B**Y THE sounds of it, uncle Andrew is very much not part of this plan.

'Frankly, he would have pushed for things to have happened a lot faster than they did, just like the Prince of Wales would have if they could have operated freely. But it was complicated with the Queen and her son,' I am told.

It certainly sounds as if William is ready to be Prince of Wales. A former member of his agrees: 'Absolutely, the mechanisms have been in place for a long time but his head is in the right place now too.'

'A couple of years ago I think it's fair to say he wouldn't have been



Picture: GETTY

Duty: Prince William at the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst in 2018

ready. He is now. What has happened this week is so much bigger than anyone can imagine but the households have worked hard to get their houses in order.

'For a long time the family have been pulling together in the right direction. Family crises can make or break you. The debacle [with Harry and Meghan and Andrew] seems to have made this one.'

Another source adds: 'When the whole Harry and Meghan show came on the scene in 2018-2019, a lot of time, energy and emotion was spent on his brother. They shared a team, he was trying to help him work through his issues,

fighting the media... That has been taken away now.'

'It's clearly been painful, but William wasn't spending his time thinking about the future and the work he needed to be getting on with, and now he is.'

For now, of course, William's focus is on his family and their loss. William still cannot quite believe his grandmother is gone. But he knows there was nothing he wishes he had said, but did not get the chance to.

The main thing is that William, with the support of his wife, is ready for his new role. Somehow, among the outpouring of grief, the future feels in good hands.



# Princess of Wales

**N**OT only do we have a new monarch, but after 25 years we also have a new Princess of Wales.

While we all continue to absorb the reality of the Queen's death, the changes which automatically follow somehow seem equally shocking. Roles are instantly swapped, titles inherited, the hierarchy is altered.

The very words 'His Majesty' sound alien to most of us. 'King Charles' will take some getting used to.

Now, of course, we have Her Majesty the Queen Consort. And William and Kate have become the Prince and Princess of Wales.

It's a title Camilla chose not to use, because it was one that had belonged so comprehensively to Diana. Out of respect to the Princess, and because of the part Camilla would acknowledge she had played in the breakdown of Charles and Diana's marriage, she decided instead to use the title Duchess of Cornwall.

But with the confirmation that Kate is our new Princess of Wales, I'm sure the mother-in-law she never knew would think her a worthy successor.

Comparisons between the two are, of course, inevitable. Diana was a beautiful woman, tall and willowy — much like Kate. But there was so much more to her than her looks, and that's true for Kate, too.

Diana was sharp and wily; after her

*Her double act with Wills would have delighted Diana*

divorce, she remained dedicated to using her platform to effect change, for example by that memorable walk through a minefield in Angola.

Kate has the brains and the profile to do the same — and more. For unlike Diana, Kate enjoyed a gentle transition into royal life. Diana was thrust into her duties with no preparation. She had been born an aristocrat, but was unused to a public platform and the harsh glare of the limelight.

Kate, by contrast, comes from a solid middle-class background and dated her Prince for almost a decade before they married. She shared his student life and formed a strong foundation of friendship with him before either of them committed to a life together.

They even broke up for a while — a mock divorce, if you like — before William came to his senses and snapped up this modest, beautiful young woman who has blossomed into a Princess — and our future Queen.

As Princess of Wales, Diana felt she was left alone to navigate her role without sufficient support. Coming from a broken family, she lacked the comfort of a secure network of parental back-up.

Towards the end of her life, she told me she much preferred to be called Lady Di: 'I certainly don't wake up every morning thinking: "Yippee, I'm a Princess!"'

Of course, to the world, she was the consummate Princess. And, yes, her shoes will be hard to fill.

From the moment Diana walked down the aisle of St Paul's Cathedral to marry her Prince, her star quality shone through. Her marriage was declared a 'fairy tale' by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and we all bought into the myth.

She had such charisma, even as a shy, young bride. I first saw her in the flesh in 1988 when I reported

## KATE

*With a mixture of refreshing informality and a sprinkling of stardust, she will be a worthy successor to the mother-in-law she tragically never got to meet*



by JENNIE BOND

EX-BBC ROYAL CORRESPONDENT

on her visit to Australia with Charles, a natural star of the royal roadshow. By that time, she was also an accomplished actress, as the truth was that the fairytale marriage was already null and void. But the crowds rushed to see her; Di-mania was rife.

Diana's success only served to

*She's more than able to make the title her own*

further fuel tensions in her marriage. Charles was jealous of his wife's popularity and resented playing second fiddle. One of Diana's constant refrains during our chats was that she and Prince Charles 'would have been such a great team'. As it was, she made her mark on her own, leading the way in making the monarchy more accessible, more obviously compassionate.

How delighted she would have been, then, to see her son part of such a great double act.

During one of our conversations

at Kensington Palace, Diana told me that William — then an adolescent — found the burden of kingship weighed heavily on his shoulders. But she was confident he would come to terms with the fact he had no choice over his destiny.

'William is all right,' she told me, looking proudly at one of the many framed pictures of her boys that adorned her living room. 'The country is lucky to have him.'

And how lucky William is to have Kate. With her at his side, he has grown into a confident, mature future King who has shown he is more than willing to shoulder the responsibilities of his role.

William and Kate are a mutually supportive couple who allow one another to take the lead when the focus is on one of their respective causes. They are the team Diana had hoped to be with Charles.

Kate has become hugely popular without dominating the stage or eclipsing her husband. Now a confident, hands-on mother of three, blessed with a happy marriage and a supportive extended family, she's more than equipped to take on that highly charged title of Princess of Wales and make it her own.

Just as Diana did before her, wherever Kate goes, she brings an



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Charm: Kate in Nassau, in the Bahamas, on a royal tour last March

informality to royal events, crouching down to talk to people in wheelchairs, sitting on the floor to chat with children; touching, hugging and being thoroughly down to earth while still sprinkling a little magical royal stardust.

After her divorce, Diana chose to reduce the number of charities she championed. She wanted to concentrate on the causes she cared about most deeply.

Kate has done that from the start, focusing on issues such as early learning and mental health, which she is passionate about.

On Thursday the world changed. The woman who was such a quiet, calm presence in the very fabric of our national life for 70 years is no

longer with us. The stability and continuity she represented has been ruptured. But the line goes on.

During the past few months, as the Queen gradually handed over key responsibilities to her heirs, Kate has shown she has not only grown into her role but has grown with it. She strikes me as full of confidence and with a charm that is quite bewitching.

Kate is loved and admired by our new King and Queen, adored by her husband and popular with the public. Almost a quarter of a century to the day since William walked behind his mother's coffin, his wife has inherited her title, Princess of Wales. And she is thoroughly deserving of it.



**T**HE date was April 3, 1993 and, for the first time in its history, the Grand National had been declared void. There had been a false start, a warning flag unfurled late, yet 30 of the 39 runners still thundered off down the course.

'It was such a mess!' the Queen told us, clenching her fist in frustration. 'They didn't see the flag!' Here was a lively 67-year-old who loved horses, knew their form, and looked forward to the excitement of that national event at Aintree. Her eyes gleamed as she named one or two of her favourites among the runners and it was easy to imagine her giving useful tips to her staff.

The occasion was a small private drinks party given by the Prince of Wales at Sandringham. For me, a passionate monarchist, it was thrilling to see the Queen at her most natural, so unguarded — like any grandmother who might have had a flutter and was cross that her fun was spoilt.

'So frustrating! So frustrating!' But she saw the amusing side of it too. 'They just carried on!' she exclaimed in disbelief, an unmistakable twinkle in her eye.

Made confident by a glass of gin and tonic, I said one or two things to her about horses and, if she thought me foolish (since my equine knowledge could be written on my little fingernail), she didn't show it. That smile was dazzling.

Alone later, I spoke aloud to my own grandmother, who had died in 1971. I know that many people who write to my advice column about their losses find comfort in speaking to the beloved dead, and I am no exception.

'Are you proud of me, Nan?' I whispered to the air — and truly I felt her spirit with me, her little granddaughter, under the same roof as Royalty.

Of course my beloved ghost was proud. My grandmother was a dinner lady who also cleaned people's houses for a living and each weekend, when I was a child, we would sit together and cut out

## *Her eyes twinkled, her smile dazzled*

pictures of the Royal Family from newspapers and magazines.

I learned my deep love of the Queen and her family at her knee and, embedded in my DNA, it still fills me with a mixture of love and awe.

Love for the human side of the Royal Family and awe at the monarchy's unassailable mystique.

I know many middle class members of the intelligentsia find it impossible to understand why 'ordinary' people would care about the Queen, why they bother to crowd in front of Buckingham Place in tears, just as they thronged the Mall with joy at Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Republicans sneer when working class people say sadly that the Queen 'reminded me of my Nan' — when obviously the immensely rich head of State inhabited a totally different, 'posh' world.

Yet she was indeed a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother as well as matriarch to a nation. She combined empathy for her people in bad times — who can forget her during the Covid lockdown? — with a profound sense of a calling from a higher power.

Yes, as she grew older she increasingly resembled everybody's granny, slightly stooped, in sensible shoes. But how miraculous that she could arouse that personal affection yet still instil in people a sense of awe, so that the most sceptical of politicians



by **BEL MOONEY**

would feel nervous to meet her and privileged to shake her hand.

They say the age of deference is over, but why should we not feel due deference to those who have lived so long, seen so much?

My own mother (two years older than the Queen) died earlier this year and in mourning her, as I am now mourning the Queen, I am expressing love but also a deep respect for that wartime generation which embodied stoicism, loyalty, faith, love of country, service, a sense of duty, tolerance and great kindness. We shall not see their like again.

Just six when the new Elizabethan Age began, I belong to the post-war generation which remembers respectfully standing up for the National Anthem in the cinema when the film or cartoon had ended. Nobody ever scuttled out. We saw television for the first time when the Queen was crowned and my working-class grandparents bought their first set (with doors that closed) specially for the occasion.

With other family members we all crowded round that tiny, flickering grey screen in the living room of their rented house in Liverpool, the whole thing feeling more personal because my father had actually travelled all the way to London (no motorways then, remember) with two friends — 'blue-collar' workers all three — to join the massive crowds.

'Dad's there!' we cried out in excitement, peering at the screen as if we might pick him out. Next day he brought back the red-white-and-blue striped cardboard periscope bought from a souvenir booth: an angled mirror each end to afford a glimpse of a golden coach and horses in the distance.

My brother and I played with it until it fell apart.

Watching the news coverage, listening to the voices of people thronging the streets of London to mourn the Queen and to welcome their new king, I was struck by the sense of ownership people expressed: the Queen was *ours*.

Respected all over the world she might have been, but to loyalists the Queen has always been focus for our patriotism, our belief (yes, deep down) in exceptional Britannia, our conviction that our monarchy matters as a force for good.

Again and again, watching

# What the snobs about the thrill — and I've done

television and listening to the radio, you heard little personal stories of how exciting it was for ordinary men and women once to see the Queen or even shake her hand. It's as if those brief encounters transformed the ordinary into the extraordinary — and that was the magic of Elizabeth II.

I'm happy to share my own anecdotes because at this strange time of sadness and change they give me happiness and comfort. For that informal meeting in 1993 was, in fact, the third time I met Her Majesty.

In February 1968, I married my fellow student at University College London, Jonathan Dimbleby, whose father Richard had been an intrepid war reporter, a political TV presenter and 'the voice of the nation,' commentating on Royal occasions with famous fluency.

At a time when television was new, he brought it alive for millions and was revered. It was his unmistakable, mellifluous voice we had heard on that first TV set at the Coronation in 1953.

When Richard died of cancer in 1966, the Dimbleby family set up a fund in his name and, five days after my wedding, the Queen was to open the Richard Dimbleby Cancer Unit at St Thomas's Hospital, London.

I stood in the family line, wearing a black and white mini-dress, and waited to curtsy and shake her hand. You can imagine how amazing it was for a student — just 21 and from a very ordinary background — to have the Queen stop and say, 'I hear you've just got married. I hope you will be very happy.' At her side, Prince Philip beamed and it felt like a blessing.

The second occasion was on November 8, 1984, and the Silver Jubilee of the bereavement charity CRUSE, celebrated at the Albert Hall. The Queen, as Patron of the charity, was to preside, make a speech and present awards.

Mine (I still have it in my office) was 'for the special contribution

## *It seemed she was blessing my work*

to public understand of bereavement through articles in the national Press.' A great honour. Allowed one guest, I took my dear dad to see me shake his beloved Queen's hand.

I'd watched nervously from the side of the stage as others walked across (such a long walk it seemed too, with the dread of tripping up), bowed or curtseyed, briefly shook the royal hand, accepted the rolled scroll, then moved on. She rarely said anything other than the obvious congratulations.

But when my name and citation boomed out across that vast,





# will never understand of meeting the Queen it **THREE** times...

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An obliging smile  
for schoolboy  
snappers in 1972

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packed space, the Queen seemed to hold my hand for a few seconds longer as she said, with grave sweetness: 'There isn't a more important subject for you to write about. Well done.'

Just as I had felt she had blessed my marriage fourteen years earlier, now it seemed she was blessing my work.

All these years later, writing this on a day of national mourning, I find my eyes filling up at the memory of her words, her touch. Yes, my memories are personal — but they also convey a universal emotion of gratitude.

When the Queen suffered her own setbacks and experienced the sadness and acute disappointment of witnessing the marriage splits of three of her children, I always thought, 'She is feeling this just as we all do.' No amount of privilege can shield you from personal pain.

In 1992, the Queen gave a speech in London to mark the 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne, in which she famously defined the year in Latin as an 'annus horribilis' — horrible year. In the same way, many of us will recall a time in our lives when just about everything seemed to go wrong and we could do nothing about it.

When people write to my column sharing problems concerning a partner, or bereavement, or a difficult son letting you down, or a feeling of being trapped in a job, or the painful end of a marriage, or

her life: 'You just have to get on with it.' That stoicism was the signature of those who witnessed the Blitz, whether in Liverpool or London, and knew there was no choice but to pull together in the cause of a greater good.

The Queen's whole life was devoted to that greater good — service to our country — and that is why she was such an inspiration, even to the teenagers in tears in front of Buckingham Palace on Thursday night.

People need role models and, in this age of often tawdry celebrity culture, the Queen, as matriarch, showed us what it is to 'keep calm and carry on' without complaint.

To me, that resilience, combined with her radiance, was the greatest gift she gave us.

Yet what of the concept of 'majesty'? In the end, we knew the Queen was *not* 'just like us', no matter what personal sorrows she suffered. When, at the Coronation, the Queen was anointed with holy oil (as King Charles III will also be), the symbolism is profound.

The holy oil, blessed by the church, is a sign of God's favour and of the Monarch's difference from other men and women. The moment is sacred — and the Queen's deep Christian faith will have felt it most strongly, consecrating her in her duty.

That duty now passes to her son, a man whose whole life has been devoted to public good. None of us will ever bear such a heavy burden of responsibility and I believe that in our hearts we know our Queen, and now King Charles III, take up that burden on behalf of us all.

The 17th-century English poet John Dryden wrote, 'Kings cannot reign unless their subjects give' — and in the past two days we have witnessed the love given by that public to their late Queen and their new King, which will enable the monarchy to survive, even through these turbulent times.

It has survived before and I believe there is enough love and loyalty in the British people to keep it going.

Our late Queen and our new King need us as much as we need them, and the sacred bond between Monarch and People has a power and a beauty which is almost beyond words.

It arched over Buckingham Palace between drenching showers, the rainbow of hope for us all.

## *My eyes fill up at the memory of her words*

dealing with illness or frailty, they are sharing emotions which the Queen herself knew. After all, she experienced all those aspects of life herself. We all have family troubles, even if they are not (luckily for us) played out in the public eye.

When I counsel forgiveness (and we must forgive, or we hurt ourselves) I always have the Queen as an example. I don't believe she ever had anything but love in her heart for Princes Andrew and Harry.

Sometimes people write to me with a tired sense that they just cannot see the point in carrying on. And nobody can tell me that the Queen never once became weary of peering into those red boxes, shaking hands and presenting awards, or sharing small talk with dignitaries. The woman with her own problems must have been fed up at times, but the Queen had to do her duty.

She would, of course, say what my mother always told me, repeating it even when she was near the end of

**BEL'S ADVICE COLUMN RETURNS NEXT WEEK**



# She helped plan

## 30,000 farewell messages to Queen

By James Tozer

MORE than 30,000 readers left moving tributes to the Queen in the Daily Mail's online condolence book yesterday.

A heartfelt message from Sarah Chamberlain said: 'What a legacy you have left us - strength, determination, leadership, kindness and generosity. So incredibly proud and thankful for you.'

Mia Lorenzen posted: 'Thank you for brightening all of our days with your warmth, guidance, steadfastness and love. Your service to your country and world is unmatched. Your love of family is so admirable! You will be missed every day.'

Emeka Mbanugo praised the Queen as 'the best of the Commonwealth', adding: 'Our heartfelt condolences to the family and the British nation.'

Bridget Kelly in Johannesburg posted: 'You were an inspiration to us all - about service, about loyalty, about sacrifice.'

'I am glad you are reunited with your

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beloved Philip. May you rest in peace.' Bronwyn Craig said: 'Love, thoughts and prayers from Australia', adding: 'Condolences to King Charles III and his entire family. A beautiful lady who will be missed by many!'

Around the country wellwishers queued yesterday to sign condolence books at churches, theatres and town halls.

Portsmouth, Westminster, Swansea, Derby, Preston, Nottingham and Belfast were among those to have set up the books in civic buildings as has the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

The Royal Family is encouraging mourners from all over the world to use its official website to post messages of support.

A statement on the website - www.royal.uk - said a selection of messages would be 'passed on to members of the Royal Family, and may be held in the Royal Archives for posterity'.

By David Wilkes and Rebecca Camber

THE nation will come to a halt in nine days' time as the Queen is laid to rest amid all the pomp and ceremony that Britain does best.

Our longest-serving monarch will have the first state funeral for more than half a century at Westminster Abbey on Monday, September 19.

As well as being the first since Winston Churchill's in 1965, it will also be the first at the abbey for any monarch since George II's way back in 1760.

Since then such funerals have been held at St George's Chapel, Windsor. But the Queen, who played an active role in planning her final send-off, decided hers should be in the much larger abbey.

It can hold a congregation of 2,000, compared with 800 at St George's Chapel and its central London location makes it a better spot for large crowds.

The abbey is steeped in significance for the Queen because it is where she was crowned and married. The Queen Mother's funeral was also held there in 2002.

The date has yet to be confirmed and details of the funeral have yet to be announced. Yesterday it was still not clear whether there would be a public holiday.

But it is known that the funeral's planning began as long ago as in the 1960s. It is expected that after lying in state in Westminster Hall for five days, the Queen's

### 'It will need a ring of steel'

coffin will be moved by a bearer party to a gun carriage outside.

The original plans are for the coffin to be pulled to the abbey on the gun carriage by naval ratings - sailors - using ropes rather than horses. Senior members of the family are expected to follow behind - as they did for the funeral of Princess Diana and the Duke of Edinburgh. The military will also join the procession.

Heads of state, prime ministers and presidents, European royals and key figures from public life will be invited to gather in the abbey.

One notable absence will be Vladimir Putin. The Russian leader has paid tribute to the Queen following her death, but the Kremlin has confirmed that he would not attend her funeral. The service will be televised, and a national two-minute silence is expected to be held.

Afterwards, the Queen's coffin will be taken to St George's Chapel, the burial place for monarchs since the 19th century. She will be buried in the King George VI memorial chapel, an annex to the main chapel, where her mother and father George VI were buried, along with the ashes of her sister, Princess Margaret.

Mourners are expected to queue for hours, and overnight, to pay their respects to the Queen as she lies in state in Westminster Hall, expected to be from Wednesday.

With large crowds likely to continue gathering at Bucking-

ham Palace to pay their respects, around 10,000 police officers could be on duty every day in London in the lead-up to the funeral. The Met will also need help from specialist officers from forces across the UK.

Former head of royalty protection Dai Davies yesterday said it would be a 'major test' for the new commissioner of Scotland Yard Sir Mark Rowley, who starts in the job on Monday.

Mr Davies said: 'The Met are world leaders at securing cere-

monies like the London 2012 Olympics and royal weddings, but this is a challenge like no other. It will be a huge operation which will cost millions.'

'He will have to consider the risk of the funeral attracting a fixated individual, terrorists or those who simply don't like King Charles III and want to cause trouble.'

The former Met divisional commander added: 'It isn't just the Met who will be involved. Specialist units from the SAS

## Queen will be laid to rest after 9 days of official mourning with up to 10,000 police called up to guard visitors and VIPs



## Grenadiers flying from Iraq to take part

SENIOR guardsmen will fly home from Iraq to take part in ceremonies marking the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

The soldiers from Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, have been guarding British diplomats in Baghdad.

They will be brought back to Britain in recognition of the seniority of Queen's Company and its relationship with Queen Elizabeth II. The

company of 80 guardsmen was named after her and she was its honorary commander. She will remain so for the time being.

Queen's Company includes some of the Household Division's tallest soldiers - every guardsman must be at least six feet. The Daily Mail understands soldiers from Queen's Company are likely to be chosen to bear Her Majesty's coffin.

will also be brought in. It will be a hugely complex operation. They have to work with the intelligence services to risk-assess who is coming.'

Former Met commander Bob Broadhurst, who led the policing operation for the London 2012 Olympics, said all leave and training was likely to be cancelled.

Mr Broadhurst added: 'Unfortunately large numbers of people also bring in criminal opportunities, so you have to manage crime. You have to manage the basics like lost children, all the other stuff that goes with that.'

'Clearly terrorism will be a factor, security is a big issue right from the outset.'

'By the end of the week you start to click in to what will be, I would say almost certainly, the biggest security operation the country has seen.'

'Practically every nation on earth is going to want to send their king, queen, prime minister or president.'

A period of royal mourning will be observed until seven days after the Queen's funeral.



# her state funeral



**GEORGE VI  
1952**

**Honour guard: the Queen's father, George VI, lies in state at Windsor**



**Meet and greet: Charles and Camilla wave to the crowds outside Buckingham Palace yesterday**

## Operation Gold Orb to crown the King

By **Stephen Wright**  
Associate Editor

IN the wake of Queen Elizabeth II's death, plans agreed under 'Operation Gold Orb' – the secret codename for the coronation of her son Charles – will swing into action.

When she was crowned in June 1953 it was a lavish ceremony that was a much-needed morale boost for a nation starved of pageantry by the war.

But 70 years later, the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III is expected to be a vastly scaled-down affair at Westminster Abbey and one which will cement his wife's place in history.

The service is not expected to happen before next spring but still within a timeframe much quicker than the Queen's own 16-month wait after she acceded to the throne.

And it is likely to be significantly shorter and cheaper than in the past – setting the tone for Charles's reign.

It is estimated that the 1953 coronation cost £1.57million – the equivalent of £46million today.

The King has already made it clear he favours a leaner, more modern monarchy and his coronation service will reflect that, sources say. With the country facing a recession and renewed pressure on the public purse, his wish to see a radically streamlined service is likely to be widely applauded.

Nevertheless, planning will be meticulous, with every detail considered. The coronation is rich in religious significance – a solemn and sacred ritual where the new sovereign is anointed and takes their oaths before God and their country.

Details of the plans for the coronation of Charles were leaked to The Mail on Sunday in February after the Queen revealed it was her 'sincere wish' that Camilla would be known as queen consort when, 'in the fullness of time', her son succeeded her. A source was reported to have said that it would be 'shorter, sooner, smaller, less expensive and more representa-

tive of different community groups and faiths'. The date of the ceremony, which will be a public holiday, will be confirmed in the coming months.

With modern Britain very different to society in 1953, the coronation will reflect the religious and cultural diversity of the country and will mark a significant departure from the crowning of his mother – pictured in her full regalia – which reflected the nation and empire of the time.

Prince Philip, as a male consort, was not entitled to be crowned, but instead knelt before his wife during her coronation and pledged to be her 'liege man of life and limb'.



The last time a queen consort was crowned was in 1937 when the Queen's mother, Elizabeth, sat alongside George VI. For the coronation of Elizabeth II a carriage procession transported more than 8,000 dignitaries to Westminster Abbey where many were accommodated on makeshift benches. More than 40,000 troops were involved in the parade.

The ceremony, the first to be televised, lasted more than three hours.

But seven decades on, guests at Westminster Abbey are expected to be limited to 2,000, and the service will be 'far shorter because you have to consider Charles's age', a source said. By the expected time of his coronation, the new King will be 74 and his wife close to 76.

While aspects of the service will be overhauled in favour of reflecting a 'modern day Britain', it will remain an Anglican service with the vows not expected to change.

Not only will the number of guests be a quarter of the contingent in 1953, there will also be fewer Royal Family members.





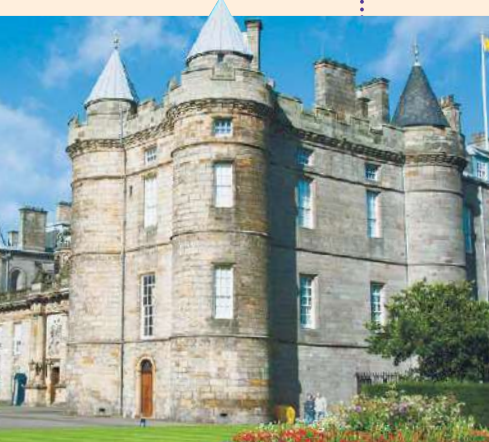
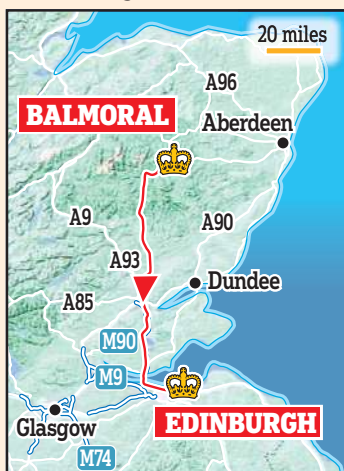
# WHAT TO EXPECT OVER

## DAY 1: TODAY

- **10am** Meeting of the Accession Council at St James's Palace. Privy Counsellors gather without Charles and proclaim him King.
- Then King takes oath.
- **11am** Trumpeters play as public proclamation of new sovereign is read from St James's Palace balcony by Garter King of Arms.
- Union flags go back up to full-mast at 1pm and remain there for 24 hours.
- Charles holds audiences with Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

## DAY 2: TOMORROW

- Mourners line the 100-mile route as Queen's coffin is driven from Balmoral to Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

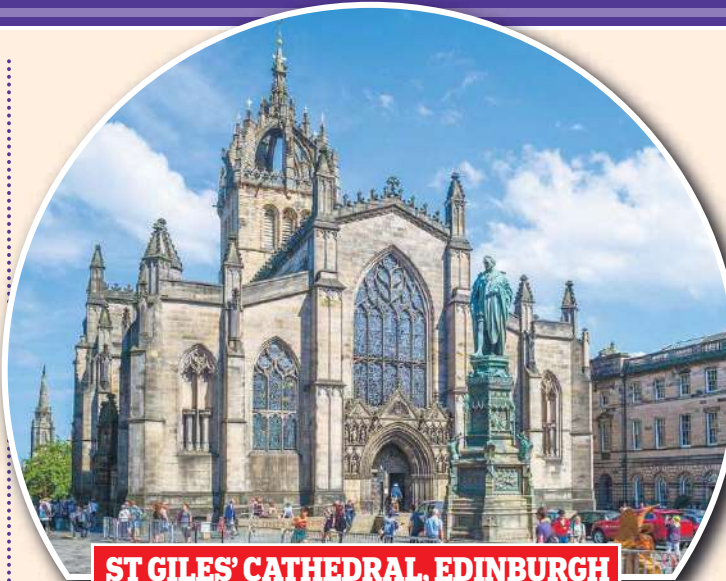


## THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

- Coffin will rest overnight in oak-panelled Throne Room, as books of condolence are opened for members of the public.
- Proclamations read in the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland devolved parliaments in Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

## DAY 3: MONDAY SEPT 12

- Coffin moves to St Giles' Cathedral, processing along Edinburgh's Royal Mile.
- Members of public may get chance to pay respects by



## ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

filing past coffin as the Queen lies in state in St Giles'.

- Royals expected to attend service and stand guard around coffin in a ceremony known as Vigil of the Princes.
- House of Commons and House of Lords come together in Westminster for a Motion of Condolence which King could attend.
- Charles III follows Edinburgh vigil with visits at some stage to Wales and Northern Ireland, known as Operation Spring Tide.

## DAY 4: TUESDAY SEPT 13

- Queen's coffin expected to be flown to London.
- A hearse will transport her to Buckingham Palace, as streets are lined with mourners.

- Guard of Honour from the King's Guard greets coffin at the Grand Entrance.

- The Bow Room will host the coffin initially, where the King and other royals can mourn.

- Then coffin will be moved to Throne Room where devoted palace staff can pay their respects.

- Rehearsal for procession of the coffin from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster takes place.

## DAY 5: WEDNESDAY SEPT 14

- Operation Marquee: The Queen's body is expected to lie in state at Palace of Westminster for four days
- **2.30pm** Coffin pulled by gun carriage taken on ceremonial procession through London as Big Ben tolls, with royals likely

to be walking behind in procession.

- **3pm** Coffin placed on a catafalque in Westminster Hall with Crown Jewels placed on top.



- Archbishop of Canterbury conducts a short service following coffin's arrival.

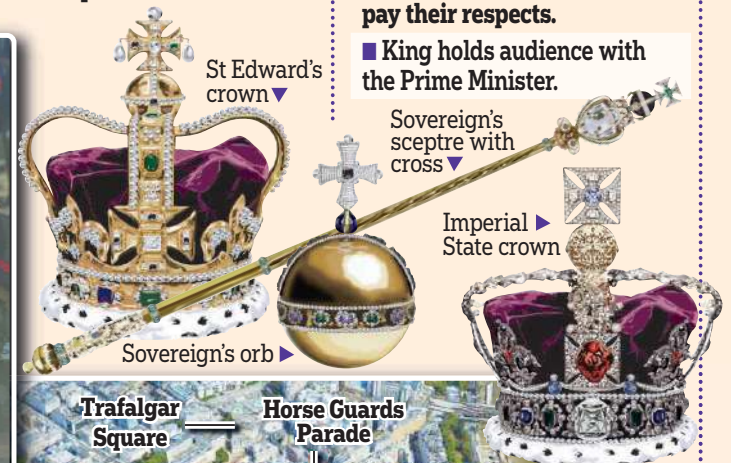
- Lying-in-state period begins, with a continuous vigil of King's Guards.

- Over four days, hundreds of thousands of people are expected to file past the coffin to pay respects, as happened for the Queen Mother in 2002.

- Senior royals also expected to pay their own moving tribute - standing guard again at some stage around the coffin in another Vigil of the Princes.

## DAY 6: THURSDAY SEPT 15

- The Queen continues to lie in state with a rehearsal likely to take place for the State Funeral procession.



## DAYS 7 & 8: FRIDAY SEPT 16 AND SATURDAY SEPT 17

- Lying-in-state period continues. Heads of state arrive in London for the funeral.

- King likely to visit Cardiff.

- King due to meet military and police leaders, and Governors General, at Buckingham Palace.

## DAY 9: SUNDAY SEPT 18

- Final day of lying in state.

- Evening reception at Lancaster House for funeral guests including heads of state, Governors General, realm prime ministers and other dignitaries.

- Foreign royals and Governors General invited to pay their respects.

- King holds audience with the Prime Minister.

Funeral of the Queen Mother in 2002



## WESTMINSTER HALL



# THE NEXT TEN DAYS



## DAY 10: MONDAY SEPT 19 STATE FUNERAL

■ The Queen's State Funeral is expected to take place at Westminster Abbey in central London.

■ Plans, yet to be formally approved, are for the Queen's coffin to process on a gun carriage to the abbey, pulled by naval ratings – sailors – using ropes rather than horses.

■ Senior family members are expected to poignantly follow behind – just as they did for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the Duke of Edinburgh.

■ Military personnel will line the streets and also join the procession.

■ Heads of state, prime ministers and presidents, European royals and key figures from public life will be invited to gather in the abbey, which can hold a congregation of 2,000.

■ Service will be televised, and a national two minutes' silence is expected to be held.

■ On the same day as the funeral, the Queen's coffin will be taken to St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle for a televised committal service.

## JOURNEY TO WINDSOR CASTLE



**HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

River Thames

**WESTMINSTER HALL**  
The Queen lies in state

Elizabeth Tower

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY**  
Funeral service

St Margaret's Church

Parliament Square

Funeral of George VI in 1952

**WINDSOR CASTLE**

Private Chapel

East Lawn

Round Tower

Inner Hall

State Entrance

Quadrangle

Galilee Porch

**ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL**  
Committal and private service

**ROYAL VAULT**  
below the chapel

Nave

Quire

High Altar

Galilee Porch

**KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

## PRIVATE SERVICE

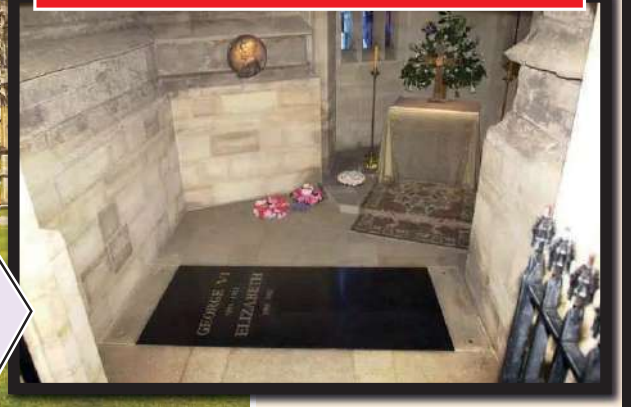
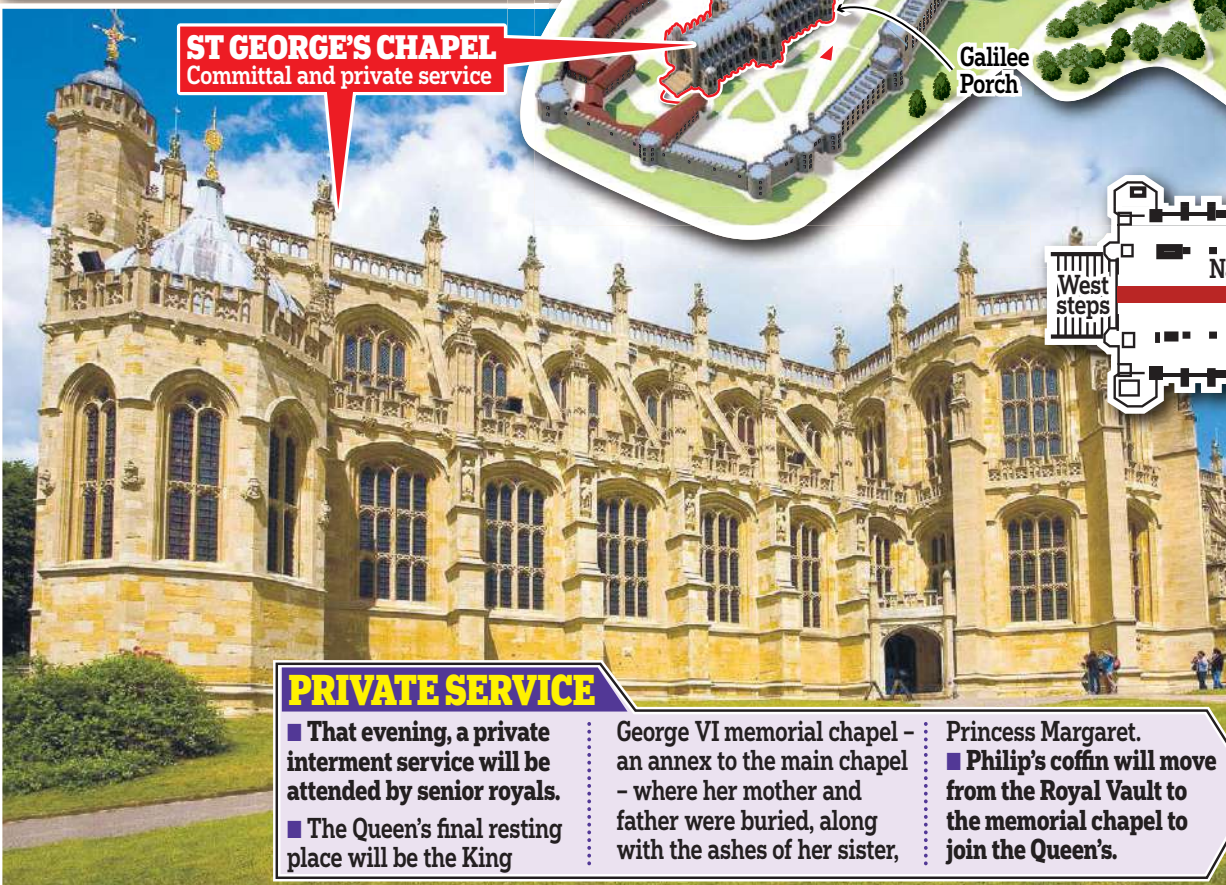
■ That evening, a private interment service will be attended by senior royals.

■ The Queen's final resting place will be the King

George VI memorial chapel – an annex to the main chapel – where her mother and father were buried, along with the ashes of her sister,

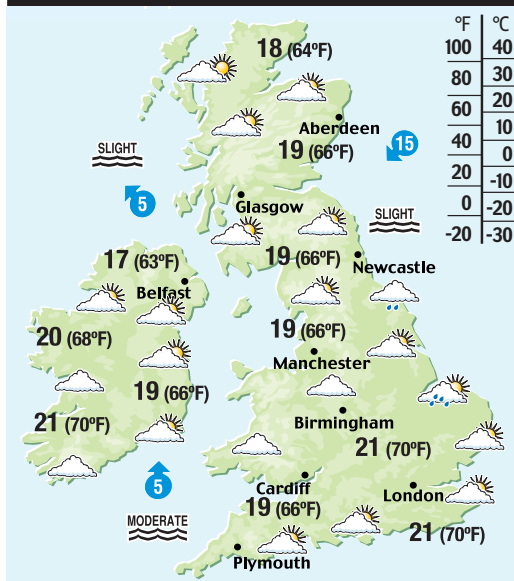
Princess Margaret.

■ Philip's coffin will move from the Royal Vault to the memorial chapel to join the Queen's.





# Weather

Go to: [dailymail.co.uk/weather](https://dailymail.co.uk/weather) for UK and world 5 day forecast

## Summary: Mainly dry

**UK TODAY:** Early mist will clear. Then mainly dry but with large areas of cloud cover around and a chance of some showers developing, mostly in the east. Cloud will break and sunny spells will develop. Max 22c.

## Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
London	16c	19c	21c	21c	18c
Plymouth	16c	19c	20c	19c	17c
Cardiff	16c	18c	19c	18c	16c
B'ham	15c	17c	20c	19c	16c
M'chester	15c	17c	19c	18c	16c
Newcastle	13c	15c	16c	15c	14c
Glasgow	11c	16c	18c	18c	15c
Aberdeen	13c	16c	17c	15c	13c
Belfast	13c	17c	19c	18c	15c

## 5 day forecast

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
London	23c	26c	23c	22c	20c
Plymouth	19c	21c	20c	20c	19c
Cardiff	21c	23c	21c	20c	19c
B'ham	21c	23c	20c	20c	19c
M'chester	20c	20c	20c	19c	17c
Newcastle	20c	18c	18c	17c	17c
Glasgow	19c	17c	18c	17c	16c
Aberdeen	17c	16c	16c	16c	14c
Belfast	19c	17c	18c	17c	16c

## Yesterday

	24 hours to 2pm	Sun (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Temp (min)	Temp (max)
Edinburgh	1.1	0.57	14	17	
Glasgow	2.7	0.54	14	18	
Hull	5.1	0.02	12	21	
Ipswich	2.5	0.20	14	20	
Leeds	4.9	0.18	13	20	
Lincoln	3.1	0.11	11	19	
London	4.2	0.02	15	21	
Manchester	3.5	0.25	12	20	
Southampton	5.8	0.23	15	19	
St Andrews	0.9	0.35	15	17	
Stornoway	6.4	0.00	14	18	

Information supplied by MeteoGroup

## Moon and Sun

MOON rises: 7.55pm, sets: 6.01am  
Sun rises London: 6.27am, sets: 7.26pm  
Manchester rises: 6.33am, sets: 7.37pm  
HIGH TIDE London Bridge: 2.48pm  
Liverpool: 12.00pm

## Europe forecast

	today	c f	tomorrow	c f
Amsterdam	rain	21 70	fair	22 72
Brussels	thunder	18 64	fair	22 72
Frankfurt	thunder	19 66	fair	21 70

## Around the world yesterday

	weather	c f		weather	c f		weather	c f
Algiers	Sunny	31 88	Florence	Fair	28 82	New Delhi	Sunny	35 95
Amsterdam	Cloudy	18 64	Geneva	Sunny	22 72	New York	Fair	23 73
Athens	Sunny	31 88	Gibraltar	Sunny	25 77	Nice	Sunny	32 90
Auckland	Cloudy	15 59	Guernsey	Showers	18 64	Oslo	Cloudy	13 55
Bahrain	Sunny	40 104	Helsinki	Fair	13 55	Palma	Fair	31 88
Barcelona	Fair	30 86	Hong Kong	Fair	32 90	Paris	Cloudy	19 66
Basra	Sunny	45 113	Innsbruck	Rain	15 59	Perth	Fair	21 70
Beijing	Cloudy	30 86	Istanbul	Sunny	25 77	Prague	Showers	20 68
Beirut	Sunny	31 88	Jersey	Showers	19 66	Rhodes	Sunny	29 84
Belfast	Cloudy	18 64	Larnaca	Sunny	33 91	Riga	Sunny	14 57
Belgrade	Showers	26 79	Las Palmas	Sunny	27 81	Rome	Fair	30 86
Berlin	Fair	21 70	Lisbon	Sunny	26 79	Singapore	Thunder	26 79
Biarritz	Rain	21 70	London	Cloudy	18 64	Stockholm	Fair	14 57
Brisbane	Showers	17 63	Los Angeles	Fair	33 91	Strasbourg	Fair	21 70
Brussels	Showers	17 63	Luxor	Sunny	36 97	Sydney	Showers	18 64
Bucharest	Fair	28 82	Madrid	Sunny	28 82	Tangier	Sunny	24 75
Budapest	Fair	25 77	Malaga	Sunny	27 81	Tel Aviv	Sunny	32 90
Cairo	Sunny	32 90	Malta	Sunny	30 86	Tenerife	Sunny	28 82
Cape Town	Sunny	18 64	Melbourne	Cloudy	18 64	Tokyo	Drizzle	25 77
Casablanca	Fair	25 77	Mexico City	Fair	20 68	Toronto	Fair	25 77
Copenhagen	Cloudy	18 64	Miami	Cloudy	32 90	Tunis	Sunny	34 93
Corfu	Cloudy	29 84	Milan	Fair	25 77	Vancouver	Fair	18 64
Dubai	Sunny	38 100	Montreal	Sunny	25 77	Venice	Fair	25 77
Dublin	Showers	18 64	Moscow	Fair	10 50	Vienna	Cloudy	23 73
Dubrovnik	Showers	24 75	Mumbai	Cloudy	30 86	Warsaw	Cloudy	13 55
Faro	Sunny	26 79	Nairobi	Cloudy	19 66	Wellington	Cloudy	14 57

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Premier League games off, Proms axed and even eco-activists halt protests out of respect as...

# UK comes to a standstill

By Andy Dolan  
and Colin Fernandez

**PREMIER** League football matches and the Last Night of the Proms are among the sporting and cultural events cancelled out of respect for the late Queen – as even environmental protesters suspended planned disruptions.

As Britain came to a halt yesterday to remember Elizabeth II's 70 years of service, attractions such as Legoland in Windsor, London Zoo, Kew Gardens and Historic Royal Palaces' six sites, including the Tower of London, were closed out of respect.

Luxury food and fashion retailer Selfridges, which has a royal warrant to supply the Queen food and household goods, did not open its stores in Birmingham, Manchester and London. Liberty, Mulberry and French Connection were also closed.

The Government said there was no

## 'No obligation to cancel events'

obligation for events or sporting fixtures to be cancelled, or for entertainment venues to be closed, during the period of national mourning which began yesterday.

But official guidance released by the Cabinet Office suggested organisations may wish to consider cancelling or postponing events or closing venues on the day of the state funeral 'as a mark of respect'.

Soon after the guidance was released, the Premier League announced all weekend fixtures would be cancelled, following the lead of the English Football League. All Welsh, Northern Irish and professional Scottish football was also postponed, along with England's National League, FA Trophy and even grassroots fixtures as the national game paid its respects.

Premiership rugby fixtures will go ahead today – although

yesterday's two matches were postponed – while cricket will also resume at all levels.

Play was suspended for the day at golf's BMW PGA Championship on Thursday, with no play yesterday. But the event will resume at Wentworth today. And horseracing, the Queen's favourite sport, will return tomorrow after the British Horseracing Authority cancelled events on Thursday evening, yesterday and today.

The BBC announced that the Last Night Of The Proms

## Sir David, 96: I'll never forget her precious laugh



**SIR David Attenborough** yesterday said that he would remember his friend the Queen's 'most precious laugh'.

The broadcaster, 96, produced her Christmas messages several times and joined her for The Queen's Green Planet on ITV in 2018.

He told ITV News: 'If there was something

By **Paul Revoir**  
Media Editor

funny she laughed in a genuine way ... she wasn't putting it on and that made it very easy'. He added: 'She made it seem you were meeting another human being with exactly the same conditions that all human beings have.'

1986: Making Christmas message. Top: In 2019

## But defiant barristers go on with all-out strike

**CRIMINAL** barristers are to continue their all-out strike despite the Queen's death.

The leader of the Criminal Bar Association (CBA) said defence barristers will continue to refuse to work on legal aid-funded cases. CBA chairman Kirsty Brimelow KC told members: 'This is a critical stage. The action is having substantial impact and resolution is a logical government step.'

Protests at courts and in

By **David Barrett**  
Home Affairs Editor

Westminster next week have been called off, but the strike action will continue. Protests after the Queen's funeral will be 'kept under review'.

The Communication Workers Union axed yesterday's postal strikes, and the RMT rail union has called off its strikes next Thursday and Saturday so mourners can get to London.

## ... and schools are told they have to stay open

**SCHOOLS** were told to stay open yesterday but held special assemblies, observed silences and lit candles to mark the death of the Queen.

Some adapted lessons, lowered flags to half-mast and invited pupils to write in books of memories about the longest-serving British monarch.

In an email to schools on Thursday, the Department for Education said they should 'remain open' during the period of national mourning, but

By **Sarah Harris**

added that they 'may want to consider conducting special activities... to commemorate the life of Her Majesty'.

It is thought the funeral could be held on Monday, September 19. Once confirmed, officials will contact schools again with further guidance. If it takes place on a weekday, it is widely expected to be treated as a bank holiday and schools are thought to be likely to close.



PICTURE: JULIAN CALDER/CAMERA PRESS



At ease: The Queen at her desk in Balmoral – the Highlands home she adored

By **Rebecca English**  
Royal Editor

WITH her increasing frailty in recent weeks and months, the Queen had cut back on her engagements.

But she still appeared to be in excellent spirits, according to visitors who met her at Balmoral.

Her good mood on Tuesday – when she greeted new Prime Minister Liz Truss with a smile – and the fact that members of the Royal Family were only scrambled to Balmoral on Thursday morning suggest that her health took a catastrophic turn for the worse on Wednesday night. She died the following day.

Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, stayed with the Queen at Balmoral last weekend. They had dinner together on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

He described the monarch as frail but in 'really good spirits' and 'very engaging' company.

He said he had been surprised by her sudden decline and death. Dr Greenshields recalled: 'She was in great form, really good spirits – obviously frail, you can see that, but absolutely on the ball.'

'She was talking about her past, her love for Balmoral, her father, her mother, Prince Philip, horses... very engaged with what was hap-

### 'She appeared in excellent spirits'

pening in the church and what was happening in the nation too.'

Dr Greenshields told BBC Radio Scotland's Good Morning Scotland programme: 'Her health was frail – we knew that – but when I left her on Sunday she was very positive and I just find it very hard to believe that in those few days things had changed so much.'

He said she spoke 'very movingly' to him about the funeral of Prince Philip last year and how affected she was 'particularly when the pipes were played during it'. He

After spending the summer at her beloved Balmoral...

# Days earlier no one had any idea how ill Queen would become

## A right royal jape as she pruned the roses

**TWO** tourists once mistook the Queen for a worker at Balmoral while she was gardening and she played along in the role as a joke, a former Scottish first minister revealed yesterday.

Labour peer Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale told the story as he paid tribute to Her Majesty.

He said in the House of Lords: 'The Queen told a story about two American tourists who had been on a bus trip and had wandered round the back of Balmoral to the rose garden where she was tending the roses with a headscarf and sunglasses on.'

'They didn't recognise her so they broke into

conversation. They were asking her what it was like to work for the Queen – did the Queen never tend the roses herself? And she played along with it for about five minutes or so.'

'And they went back to the bus to leave Balmoral and she very quickly nipped into the kitchen, took her headscarf off and the sunglasses off, went out the front door and waved goodbye to the bus, only to see these two American tourists looking out the window.'

The Labour peer added: 'That great sense of humour and fun was remarkable – and it was a privilege to have seen it up close.'

remembered: 'This frail lady came in but there was still that sense of who she was and that real sense of making you feel immediately at ease – engaging with you immediately in conversation, a nice bright smile, everything you would expect of your monarch.'

Poignantly, he described how the Queen seemed joyful to be at her beloved Highland home. He said:

'In conversation with her, she took me over to the window and she was looking over her gardens with great pride and affection. And I think that's where she would have wanted to spend her last days and I would think the family are comforted by that.'

'As far as her faith was concerned, it was very obvious, particularly I would say in the last ten years...

how personal and how deep that went. She knew and understood exactly what the challenges were that faced the church.'

'She talked about that very clearly when she was speaking with me over the weekend.'

'It was obvious that she knew what she was talking about and it was really quite interesting to be able to sit down with somebody

who was appraised of everything.' He added: 'She had an incredible respect for people of all faiths – and none of course as well – because she very much saw herself as the Queen who was there for all people.' The Queen had enjoyed one of her happiest summers in recent years, entertaining a string of family and friends at Balmoral.

The photographer who took the last public pictures of her confirmed the monarch was in 'good spirits'. Jane Barlow, of the Press Association news agency, had been sent to Balmoral to capture the moment when the Queen met Miss Truss on Tuesday. She said: 'I got a lot of smiles from her.'

The Mail revealed yesterday that one source with close links to the royal household said the Queen had not been suffering any chronic condition – 'she was old, not ill'.

Another insider said: 'She'd lost a lot of weight and had been feeling all the aches and pains that a 96-year-old woman would be expected to feel and had suffered terrible problems with her sore feet.' The Queen was seen only weeks ago walking her corgis in the gardens.



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In every language, Europe's tributes to our Queen



Spain: El Mundo, popular tabloid produced in Madrid



Italy: La Stampa, Turin-based paper is one of nation's oldest



France: La Croix, Roman Catholic paper based in Paris



Netherlands: De Volkskrant, Amsterdam's morning daily

# Macron's English salute



Grief: Mr Macron signs a condolence book at the British embassy in Paris



Honour: A ballet company outside the British embassy in Tokyo

EMMANUEL Macron broke from official protocol yesterday to deliver a touching tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in English. The French president's address from the Elysee Palace in Paris praised the monarch's 'wisdom and empathy', adding 'we all feel an emptiness'. 'To you, she was your Queen. To us, she was the Queen,' the French leader said during the three-minute speech posted on social media. 'Elizabeth II mastered our language, loved our culture and touched our hearts. From her coronation on, she knew and spoke with all of our presidents. No other country had the privilege of welcoming her as many times as we did.'

Mr Macron made the address in front of the French and EU flags, as well as a Union

By **James Franey**  
Europe Correspondent

Jack. The British flag appears at the Elysee only when a high-level dignitary from the UK is present.

French daily Le Figaro carried the headline 'Goodbye to the Queen', praising her as 'a rock for her kingdom' after seven decades of devoted public service. It praised Her Majesty's command of the French language and her 'old-fashioned elegance'.

'Let's face it,' a front-page editorial said, 'the willingly rebellious French, the heir to a people who once executed their king, often found themselves secretly admiring her dignity, and perhaps even envying this country whose queen was a remarkable woman.'

Left-wing newspaper Liberation carried on its front page an elegant black-and-white



Remembering her Down Under: An image of Queen Elizabeth II is projected on to the

photo of the Queen in her younger years, draped in a black cape, and the headline 'England's sorrow'.

'A universal icon, she has gone through a century of history without ever weakening, without ever giving up,' the paper said.

The cover of a special edition of the glossy celebrity magazine Paris Match described the Queen's death as 'the end of a world'.

In Germany, best-selling daily Bild wrote 'the world is crying for the Queen', while the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung said the monarch 'encapsulated normality and the fulfilment of duty'.

The Milan-based Corriere della Sera newspaper described Her Majesty as 'a leader par excellence'. 'Elizabeth II has always remained true to herself, even to the point where she sometimes seemed alienated from the present,' the Right-wing daily wrote.

'The affection felt in these hours shows

that it is not always necessary to be fashionable to earn esteem and sympathy. Leaders and politicians – not only in Britain – should keep this in mind.'

Spain's El Pais said that for more than 70 years the Queen 'maintained the neutrality that guaranteed the continuity of the British crown'. Dutch tabloid De Telegraaf hailed the great-grandmother of 12 as 'a global icon.' Its front-page headline was: 'A Queen in the whole world's hearts.'

The paper's lead editorial said the monarch was 'a rock' for many British people during 'turbulent times'.

The Volkskrant said the Queen 'was like a

## 'The world is crying for the Queen'





France: Liberation, renowned Left-wing national daily



Italy: The Corriere della Sera, Milan's evening paper



Spain: El País, the country's Madrid-based paper of record

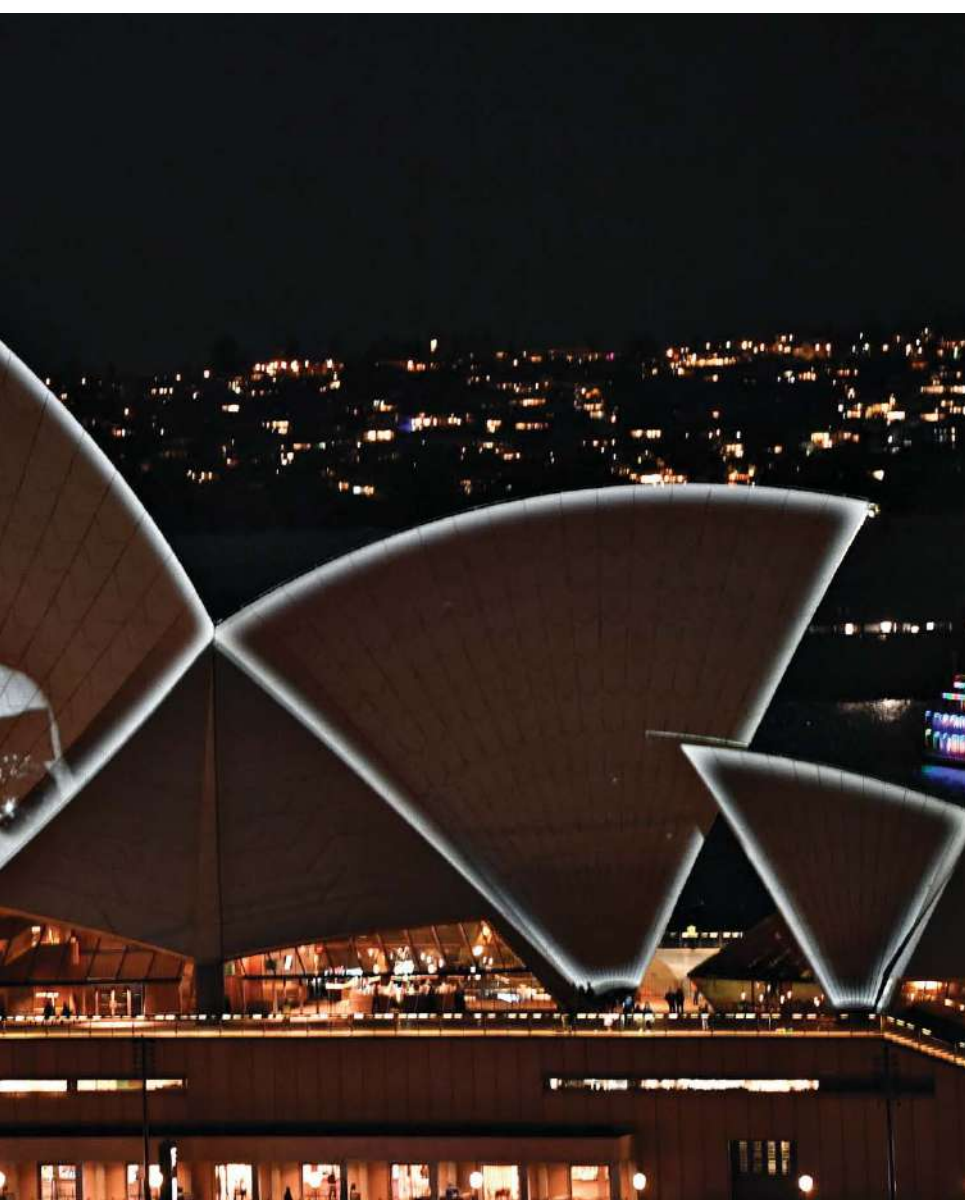


Germany: Bild, million-selling broadsheet with tabloid style



France: Paris Match, famed weekly news magazine

# as the world mourns



sails of the Sydney Opera House after a 96-gun salute in Canberra yesterday

grandmother and mother to the British', adding: 'She was always there for the people, in good times and bad.'

Right-leaning Belgian daily Le Soir stated on its front page that she was simply 'the Queen of the century'. 'Is this the end of an era?' the paper asked.

'The fact that the Queen survived everything, everyone, provided proof that the world's house of cards could shake but never crumble. What now?'

Australia's Sydney Morning Herald claimed 'the world's most famous and admired woman leaves behind a fractured and fraying kingdom'.

In a dispatch filed from London, the newspaper said the Queen's passing was 'a hammer blow to the British psyche'.

Monuments and public buildings across Australia were lit up with images of Her Majesty after a 96-gun salute had been

held in Canberra. Prime minister Anthony Albanese said the tributes reflected 'the light she brought to so many'. But some republicans refused to wait until the official mourning period ends before calling for Australia to ditch the Royal Family.

'Our thoughts are with her family and all who loved her. Now Australia must move forward,' Australian Greens Party leader Adam Bandt said on Twitter.

Chinese president Xi Jinping lamented the Queen's passing, saying: 'Her death is a great loss to the British people.'

German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier said: 'Britain held out the hand of reconciliation to Germany, and the hand of reconciliation was also the Queen's hand.' He called a state visit by the Queen to West Germany in 1965 'one of the most important and powerful symbols' of post-war friendship.



Respect: The New York Yankees stand during a minute's silence at Yankee Stadium



Condolences: US President Joe Biden at the British embassy in Washington DC

## ...except Putin mouthpiece

VLADIMIR Putin propagandist Margarita Simonyan has lashed out at the global outpouring of tributes for the Queen, saying her death was receiving too much attention.

The 42-year-old boss of the Kremlin-backed RT channel sent out the bizarre missive on her Telegram channel late on Thursday night.

'Colleagues, let's finish up with the amount of news about the Queen,' Miss Simonyan wrote. 'She died. Well, rest in

peace. We all die.' The self-styled journalist's channel has been banned across most of the EU for peddling fake news and conspiracy theories.

The RIA news agency, another Kremlin mouthpiece, suggested that the future of the country was in doubt.

'The death of the Queen calls into question the very existence of the United Kingdom,' it claimed.

The Kremlin confirmed that Putin would not travel to Britain for the funeral.



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**F**OR millions of people of a certain age, one of the abiding memories of the Queen and her son and heir Charles was the look of maternal pleasure, pride and affection on her face as she placed a coronet on his head confirming him as Prince of Wales.

No one could have imagined — at that magical moment at Caernarvon Castle marking the Prince's 21st birthday in 1969 — that 25 years later he would be describing his mother as cold and distant.

The world read those painful words in Jonathan Dimbleby's authorised biography of the Prince and this apparent unfeeling attitude became, for many, their perception of the Queen — despite the fact she was a devoted mother who had breastfed all four of her children. Lord Mountbatten, the man Charles considered to be his 'honorary grandfather', once told the historian Robert Lacey that 'nanny's night off' was the Queen's favourite of the week.

'When Nanny Mabel [Anderson] was off duty, Elizabeth could kneel beside the bath, bathe her babies, read to them and put them to bed,' he said.

So was the Queen really so cold and distant? Or might Charles's childhood memories have been clouded by the uncertainty and unhappiness that dogged him for so much of his early life?

As Dimbleby wrote in his book, the Prince bitterly recalled a childhood during which the nursery staff, not his emotionally reserved parents, were the people who taught him to play, who witnessed his first steps, who punished and rewarded him and who helped him put his first thoughts into words.

He was almost 46 at the time and, ironically, had himself been accused of displaying a somewhat careless attitude to what his own two sons were getting up to.

According to the Queen's intimate friend and cousin, Margaret Rhodes, these recollections deeply wounded his mother.

'She always talks quite a lot about her children and she worries about them like any other mother,' declared Mrs Rhodes. She believed the criticism was a misinterpretation of what was simply her 'undemonstrative' style as a mother.

There is, of course, another famous picture of mother and son. It shows Charles, aged five, appearing to formally shake his mother's hand in greeting at a London railway station as the Queen and Prince Philip returned from a six-month Commonwealth tour.

Here was a mother separated from her children — Anne was three — by duty and continuing to observe the

## 'Nanny's night off' was the Queen's favourite

traditional formalities in which she had been trained since the age of ten. In later years, the question was asked, why didn't she take Charles and Anne with her?

After all, Charles was being taught by a governess at Buckingham Palace and she could have travelled with them.

But as Mrs Rhodes (who died in 2016) explained: 'People simply don't understand — it's much better for small children to be at home in a familiar environment rather than drag them halfway round the world.'

She added: 'In my opinion, Charles has been rather naïve. I remember when he and Anne were quite small and the Queen would take them away to Balmoral. She would get them to make their own beds and help with the washing up. She cooked the supper, they loved bangers and hot spuds.'

'These were magical times full of fun and love. She was much closer to the children than Charles gives her credit for.'

'True, she didn't sweep them up [in an embrace] as Princess Diana did with her children but they were different times.'

The Queen deeply loves Charles — it's just that they have a different outlook and sometimes they don't



by GEOFFREY  
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agree. He is a glass-half-empty person while she is a half-full one.'

Indeed, for much of the Queen's reign she feared Charles could imperil the stability of a throne that she had worked hard for all her life. 'Infuriating' was the word she frequently used to describe him.

It took until he was well into his 60s and the monarch in her 80s for them to grow close and for Charles to admire his mother's judgment and understand her caring concern about the happiness of all her children. Key to all of this, as we shall explain, was the Queen's eventual welcoming of Camilla into the Royal Family.

Certainly, the wisdom of years made Charles realise that his public complaints about being distant when he was young were probably unfair. She was, after all, a working mother whose unique role took her on journeys to all parts of the world, especially when she was a new young Queen anxious to be seen.

As Lord Charteris, her long-time private secretary, once pointed out: 'At the beginning [of her reign], she was learning and simply had too much on her plate to enjoy Charles, and then Anne.'

But was the *division* between motherhood and national duty shared as wisely as it might have been? Charles thought not.

Many agreed with him, ascribing his self-absorption and appalling self-pity to the fact that the Queen, while a flawless monarch, was, according to one courtier, somewhat 'detached from the lives of her children' — which inevitably most affected her firstborn.

The consequence, according to family friends, was a child already lacking in confidence who felt deprived of motherly love.

As the Dimbleby revelations proved, Charles was to bear this sadness over the Queen's apparent maternal indifference through to his mature years. It was in the spin-off ITV interview with the broadcaster that Charles admitted his affair with Camilla Parker Bowles and, initially, Camilla came to embody the uneasy differences between mother and son.

The Queen was not among guests in 1998 when her grandsons William and Harry hosted a 50th birthday party for their father at Highgrove. She didn't go because she knew Camilla would be there. At that delicate time — just a year after Princess Diana's death — her

attendance was out of the question. Some saw this as the Prince of Wales putting his mistress before his mother, so it is hardly surprising that more years of mutual misunderstanding and distrust were to follow.

The Queen emerged as a critic of her son's extravagance, for example. A courtier reported her saying she felt the 'amount of kit and servants he takes around is grotesque'.

In the dark days after Charles's 1996 divorce from Diana, one of the Queen's aides wondered if it might not be better if he were to 'retire' to the country, marry Camilla and pass over the succession to Prince William.

This view was reported to the Queen who, said the aide, 'did not react violently against it' and even appeared to wonder if it might offer a possible solution.

This was perhaps the nadir of the many years of acute worry the Queen had endured about Charles and his public image which were largely concentrated on his relationships with Diana and Camilla.

Not that the Queen was unsophisticated to the ways of men. Indeed, when she was first told that her then bachelor son was sleeping with the wife of a brother officer in the Brigade of Guards — Andrew Parker Bowles's wife Camilla — she made no comment.

'The news wouldn't have surprised the Queen at all,' said the Rev Michael Mann, the late Dean of

## 'He is a glass half empty person, she a half full one'

Windsor. 'Her reaction would have been that this was a natural thing for an eager young man to be doing.'

Later, however, the fact that a man with a beautiful young wife was finding extramarital pleasure with an older woman plainly perplexed the Queen as much as it did Prince Philip. Her woman's-eye view of Mrs Parker Bowles was that she looked 'rather used'.

She knew, of course, how difficult



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## Mother love: Kissing her hand in 2012 and playing when he was three

Diana was to live with and, in private, sometimes described the Princess as that 'impossible girl'. But the way she said it also suggested she knew what the Princess was going through being married to the fussy Prince of Wales.

For his part, Charles was always unsettled by his view that the Queen accepted Diana's version of how he treated her during their marriage. It was a version also accepted by the majority of the public.

In the months after Diana's death, huge efforts were made to rehabilitate Charles and he was widely praised for his efforts as a single parent doing his best to bring up two sons who had lost their mother.

Emboldened by this changing public attitude, barely a year after Diana's death, he cautiously raised the issue of Camilla with the Queen one evening at Balmoral.

He was seeking her approval of his relationship because he wanted to be able to take her out publicly, and for them to be seen together.

Instantly, he realised his mistake. His mother's snappy response shocked him, but also made him angry.

'He simply couldn't see it,' recalls a former courtier. 'He couldn't see that this request to the Queen so soon after Diana's death was much too premature.'

The Queen's response was to tell her son that she didn't want to talk about 'that wicked woman' and wanted nothing to do with her, said

a highly placed confidant of the Prince.

'He was devastated. He couldn't understand why she had taken so bitterly against the woman he loved.'

To the Queen, her son's shock at her response was the clearest indication of the self-absorption that had always exasperated her. How could the Queen indicate even the smallest element of approval for a woman perceived by millions to have been the wreck of a fairytale marriage?

For his part, Charles felt that neither his mother nor his father understood him and that they gave him no encouragement.

In his craving for maternal approval, he was especially frustrated that his mother had never offered much in the way of praise for the way in which he had founded and built up the Prince's Trust, the mainstay of his charity work. Her attitude was always 'don't talk about it, get on with it', recalls a lady-in-waiting.

Charles, quietly advised by wiser heads, was forced to take a step back and wait. And this policy paid off when it eventually became clear that, for the good of the monarchy, the Prince of Wales had to 'regularise' his relationship with Camilla.

In other words, if he was staying with her, he had to marry her. In fact, it was the Queen who pressured him into making a decision.

Jubilantly, Charles announced the impending marriage. His then private secretary, Sir Michael Peat,



# How the Queen finally grew close to 'infuriating' Charles

insisted with a lofty air of intimate knowledge that the relationship between the Prince and his mother had 'never been better'.

But the fact was, this was a marriage that had the Queen's reluctant acceptance, not her enthusiasm.

In her long reign, however, the Queen had grown to understand the value of pragmatism. More than anyone, she recognised that her son would make a better monarch with someone he loved at his side, just as she had.

She and Prince Philip did not attend their son's second marriage ceremony at Windsor's Guildhall, but she did host a party for 700 afterwards in Windsor Castle, at which she proposed a toast to the bride and groom, congratulating them in racing parlance by welcoming them 'into the winners' enclosure'.

That was the defining moment — one that moved Charles almost to tears — that began the change in the nature of this uniquely troubled relationship between a Queen and her heir.

All his life, Charles had been desperate for his mother's approval, yearning to hear her describe him as a winner and how ironic that the moment arrived only after he'd put a ring on 'that wicked woman's' finger.

As time passed and the Queen was experiencing those first signs of frailty even as Prince Philip, then in his 90s, was slowly withdrawing from public life, she began to see the son she had perceived as too needy, vulnerable, emotional and self-centred in something of a new light.

He was gradually taking over many of her responsibilities, and doing so with confidence and even a little panache.

This new mutual respect led rapidly to full co-operation between what had in effect become rival royal households. Courtiers who were used to pursuing competing agendas at Buckingham Palace and Clarence House were astonished by this rapprochement, and relieved.

For a long time the Queen's aides perceived Charles's household to be committed solely to polishing his own image at the expense of other Royal Family members. What ended the rivalry was Charles effectively becoming 'co-head' of the 'Firm' as the Queen's physical powers declined.

She was largely happy with the new

## *She welcomed Camilla to the 'winners' enclosure'*

arrangement — although not entirely in agreement with Charles's ambitions to slim down the monarchy if this meant pushing Edward and possibly even Princess Anne to the margins of the royal show.

But the Camilla factor remained an issue. Part of this was due to the Queen's deep and abiding Christian faith, which meant she was never fully comfortable with the idea of the former Mrs Parker Bowles becoming King Charles's queen.

And then, on the 70th anniversary of her own accession in February this year, it was announced by Buckingham Palace that it was her 'sincere wish' that her daughter-in-law should be known as Queen Consort alongside King Charles when the time came.

There was not just her famous pragmatism: the Queen recognised that Camilla had worked assiduously for the Crown behind the scenes, never once upstaging Charles, an accusation regularly hurled at Diana. What is more, her son's happiness and contentment with his second wife was plain for all to see.

The story of the Queen and Charles could have been one of the most tragic mother-son relationships in royal history. After all, throughout the ages, monarchs and their heirs have failed to see eye-to-eye. And yet, by the time of her death, mother and son were reconciled and their philosophies joined.

She had changed her mind about him. She believed, at last, that he could be a fine king. Charles, significantly, had also changed his mind about his mother.

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Wedding day joy: Charles chats to the Queen while walking with Camilla after the marriage service at Windsor Guildhall in 2005

# ... and he came to accept she wasn't a distant mother

*And the key to it all was Camilla*



# It's the answer to the wants to know: **what**

**B**ECAUSE I have met her — because, at close quarters, I have observed her as she carried out a range of her official duties — people often ask me, leaning forward, narrowing their eyes: 'What was the Queen really like?'

My answer disappoints them. 'Very nice,' I say. 'Rather normal, actually; quite straightforward; much as you'd expect.'

I wonder if we appreciate how fortunate we have been. Elizabeth II was neither eccentric nor quixotic, and her husband was as honest and straightforward as the day is long.

If there is one word that sums up Elizabeth II, it is 'dutiful'. Her life was driven by duty. She was a dutiful daughter and a dutiful Queen.

As Princess Elizabeth, aged 21, she said: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.' She meant it. At her Coronation, she made a commitment to God as well as to her people, and her faith sustained her in all she did.

From an early age, she knew what lay ahead: a relentless, endlessly repetitive rollercoaster ride of royal duties and good works, from which only death or revolution could release her.

She never abdicated, not — as some commentators suggested — because she didn't want to see her son become King, but because her faith, sense of duty and heritage meant abdication was simply not a possibility. Her Uncle David abdicated and his was not an example she wanted to follow. 'It's a job for life,' she said. 'It's a question of maturing into something one has got used to doing and accepting that it's your fate, because I think continuity is very important.'

It is not really surprising that her death touches us in the way it does. Along with members of her family, she featured in our newspapers and on our TV screens almost daily.

Yet our relationship with royalty is neither fleeting nor superficial. The Queen is on our postage stamps,

## *One o'clock was the time for gin and Dubonnet*

coins and banknotes. She is more than head of state: she is at the heart of our national identity — and for a reason.

During her exceptionally long reign, Elizabeth II was living history. Her godparents included both her grandfather King George V and Arthur, Duke of Connaught, the last surviving son of Queen Victoria.

As the latest in a line of sovereigns that linked her directly to King Edgar, Richard III, Henry VIII, George IV and Queen Victoria, she was the embodiment of our nation's story. Her presence linked us to our past.

SHE thoroughly understood her role, her duties and the inevitable restrictions that these imposed. But the Queen's life was also one of privi-



*Not a prude*



*A wicked mimic of accents*



*Anything but PC*



*Partial to a crafty cigarette*



by royal confidant  
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lege. She had met everyone and been everywhere. She had never wanted for anything. Wherever she went, she was cosseted. And the corgis came, too — flown, if need be, in an Andover aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Her days were sometimes long and often arduous, but she had staff ever in attendance and the comfort of a routine that rarely varied.

At 8am, Her Majesty's dresser entered the royal bedroom with the 'calling tray' and a pot of Earl Grey tea. The curtains were drawn, the bath was run (to a depth of seven inches and a temperature of 72f — tested by thermometer) and the Palace began to stir (no vacuuming was permitted before 8am).

Her clothes were laid out for her, her hairdresser was at hand. At 9am, as her personal piper played beneath her windows, the Queen walked from her bedroom, through her sitting room to her dining room, holding her Roberts radio, listening to the news of the day.

Breakfast was modest: cereal (from those Tupperware containers), a slice of granary toast, a layer of Oxford marmalade. At ten o'clock the business of the day began: her private secretary appeared; correspondence was considered, state papers scanned; if it was a morning for receiving ambassadors or the day of an investiture, Her Majesty studied her briefing material.

At one o'clock, before a light lunch (she wasn't fussy about her food), she treated herself — until her 96th year, when she gave up alcohol on the advice of her doctors — to a gin and Dubonnet: equal measures, two lumps of ice and a slice of lemon (the lemon was sliced for her).

At 2.30pm, she walked the corgis. At five, she took tea. At six, the

drinks tray reappeared and Her Majesty might allow herself a moderate gin and tonic. At 8.15pm, it was dinner time.

On some days, the Queen and Prince Philip would share all or some of their meals — but by no means every day. Their interests and commitments often took them in different directions.

Long before Prince Philip's death, the Queen had grown accustomed to evenings on her own. She watched television, she completed crosswords, she gave the corgis their late supper. She telephoned her racing manager. She chatted with her personal page.

I can tell you exactly what the Queen was like. She had the interests, attributes and tastes of an English (or Scottish) countrywoman of her class and generation. Dogs and horses, courtesy, kindness and community service counted with her.

According to Sonia Berry, perhaps her closest childhood friend: 'She would never have chosen to be Queen. She would much rather have lived in the country with horses and dogs and been a normal housewife.'

In 1956, Nikita Khrushchev, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, braced himself for 'haughtiness' when he took tea with the Queen at Windsor Castle. To his surprise, he found her 'completely unpretentious — the sort of woman you would be likely to meet walking along Gorky Street on a balmy summer afternoon'.

Essentially conservative (with radical flourishes), intelligent (not intellectual), pragmatic (not introspective), 'immensely tolerant' (Prince Philip's phrase), even-tempered and utterly reliable, the Queen

made no pretence of being what she was not.

Although formally apolitical, she was definitely not politically correct. If she chose, she would go out riding without a hard hat. She would wear fur, she wouldn't use a seat belt and in her assorted residences, cigarettes were freely available to her guests.

I am told she even smoked one herself from time to time. Can that be true? If it is, it made her more understanding of her daughter-in-law Camilla's weakness for the weed.

It was no accident that her son Charles's second wife turned out to be very much the Queen's sort of woman — much more so than Diana could ever have been.

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# question everyone was she really like?



Merry monarch: At a horse show in 2015 and, above, aboard Britannia in 1971

## Always on the phone to her 'extravagant' mum

**WAS** the Queen Mother jealous of her elder daughter? The Queen's former private secretary, Martin Charteris, believed she was.

'Queen Elizabeth was not yet 52 when the King died,' he reminded me. 'She was accustomed to being centre stage, the focus of attention, universally loved. She was still loved, of course, and admired, but she was no longer the star of the show and I don't think she found that easy.'

'In the early days of the new Queen's reign, there was an awkwardness about precedence, with the Queen not wanting to go in front of her mother and Queen Elizabeth, of course, accustomed to going first.'

Even so, Elizabeth II had a good relationship with her mother — 'loving and normal' is how the Queen's cousin Margaret Rhodes described it to me.

The Queen did occasionally shake her head when

contemplating her mother's insouciant extravagance. At the time of her death, Queen Elizabeth's overdraft at Coutts was reported to be in the region of £4million.

She was supposed to have once said at a dinner party: 'Golly, I could do with £100,000, couldn't you? Had such an awful afternoon today with my bank manager scolding me about my overdraft.'

And yes, the Queen might, now and again, express envy of her mother's extraordinary capacity for avoiding all unpleasantness. But mother and daughter were good friends, on the same wavelength, with mutual interests (especially horses) and comfortable in each other's company, each looking forward to their regular, easy, uncomplicated chats on the telephone.

Prince Philip said to me once, eyebrows raised in amazement: 'They're always on the phone!'

Camilla can talk easily (and amusingly) about dogs and horses. She is comfortable with the Queen's view of life (for the most part, she shares it); she is politically incorrect (in a good way), funny, self-deprecating, realistic and, like the Queen, she is a mother and grandmother who has been a bit tempest-tossed but has managed to weather the storms.

Was the Queen a prude? By no means. As you might expect, she was averse to bad language, but — as I witnessed myself in the 40 years I knew Prince Philip — her husband occasionally used four-letter words. The Queen simply put up with his salty language.

When Lech Walesa was President of Poland and came to stay, she told an aide: 'He only knows two English words.' She paused, before adding: 'They are

quite interesting words.' More recently, at an art gallery, she was confronted by a series of Lucian Freud nudes: heavy, spreading bosoms, weighty, blue-veined thighs. Sensing that the photographers present were eager to get a shot of her gazing up at one of them, Her Majesty moved herself adroitly out of range.

When her host inquired, 'Haven't you been painted by

## She didn't tell family about the Bond skit

Lucian Freud, Ma'am?', she smiled and said, sotto voce: 'Yes, but not like that.'

Famously, the Queen was a skilful mimic — not so much of individuals but of accents, be it Cockney or Norfolk — and she had a lively, even impish, sense of humour.

We all know that: we gasped in amazement when she appeared on film with Daniel Craig's James Bond as part of the opening ceremony of the London Olympics in 2012. She was amused to be asked; she

was happy to do it; she played her part without fuss and in just one take; she enjoyed the surprise on the night — she had not confided to her family that she was making this unique contribution to the Olympic celebrations.

Given the weirdness of her life (imprisoned by her fate; destined to be Queen from the age of ten), the Queen seemed to me to be quite remarkably well balanced, rounded, grounded and at ease with herself, the world and her place in it.

Friends who knew her when she was younger tell stories of her sitting on the sofa after dinner, her feet tucked up under her, chatting late into the night. People (even those who knew her well) still found it difficult to treat her normally, but she behaved normally nonetheless.

Once she arrived a little late for a supper at a private house in Belgravia. 'Cooee,' she called up the stairwell as she was taking off her coat, 'it's us. Sorry we're late. Terrible traffic.'

This essential normality — combined with fundamental decency — was always there, beneath the royal trappings.

From all the people I have spoken with who were close

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to the Queen — courtiers, friends and family members — I get the impression that she was not judgmental when it came to others. She looked for the best in people and hoped for the best from them and for them.

When things went wrong, she prayed (on her knees, with her hands folded together) that they would go better. But although she was Queen, she did not lay down the law. She was, for instance, always reluctant to interfere in the private lives of members of her family.

There was a streak of hysteria in Diana, Princess of Wales: you sensed it even with a brief acquaintance. There was none in the Queen. The Queen was sane. The Queen was sensible. She had her feet on the ground.

Unlike Prince Philip, who would occasionally fly into a rage, she was always calm. According to her friend Sonia Berry: 'She might get annoyed about something but as a rule she stayed on an even keel. I never saw her lose her temper.'

Nor was the Queen self-conscious: she would apply her lipstick whoever was watching. She was not easily flustered: however hectic the schedule, however many stops on the tour, her own steady pace never varied.

Of course, she had senior courtiers around her who knew what they were doing (unstuffy, for the most part; unfussy, with a couple of exceptions), and loyal ladies-in-waiting who were real friends.

For 67 years of devoted service, she also had her dresser and confidante Bobo MacDonald (the Queen came down from Balmoral to the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace for her funeral). Bobo was succeeded by a former dresser, Angela Kelly (a Liverpool dock worker's daughter, 25 years younger than the Queen), who became an ally and friend.

Inevitably, given the length of her reign, the Queen had her ups and downs. In 1957, a 33-year-old peer, writer and historian, the 2nd

## 'She is simply marvellous,' said Lady Thatcher

Lord Altrincham, became internationally notorious overnight for publishing what many regarded as an unforgivable personal attack on the Queen.

Altrincham accused the Queen, then 31, of being out of touch, living entirely within the confines of her own class, surrounded by courtiers of 'the tweedy sort', making speeches that amounted to 'prim little sermons' in the manner of 'a priggish schoolgirl' and speaking with a voice that was 'a pain in the neck'.

'Like her mother,' wrote Altrincham, the young Queen 'appears to be unable to string even a few sentences together without a written text.'

He went on: 'When she has lost the bloom of youth, the Queen's reputation will depend, far more than it does now, upon her personality. It will not then be enough for her to go through the motions; she will have to say things which people can remember and do things on her own initiative which will make people sit up and take notice. As yet there is little sign that such a personality is emerging.'

More than 60 years on, the Queen's reputation does indeed rest upon her personality. With a

# Her 'snapping' at Philip over intruder



Sat on Queen's bed: Michael Fagan

IN JULY 1982, an intruder — a 33-year-old schizophrenic named Michael Fagan — found his way into Buckingham Palace and disturbed the Queen, alone, asleep in bed.

This alarming incident prompted a double dose of outrage from elements of the Press: why was the Palace's security so lamentable and where was Prince Philip? Why was he not on hand to come to his wife's rescue?

Indeed, the 'revelation' that the Queen and her husband did not appear to share a bedroom caused more comment in certain quarters than the fact that a lunatic could wander off the street and into the sovereign's bedroom without let or hindrance.

The Queen, who, at the time, handled the intrusion with commendable calm, was nevertheless shaken. The popular Press had the answer: 'Give her a cuddle, Philip,' instructed one headline.

In fact, when sleeping under the same roof, the Queen and Prince Philip usually did share the same bed. It just happened that on the morning of Fagan's intrusion, Philip had a crack-of-dawn start for an out-of-town official engagement and so spent the night in his own quarters.

Their long-standing friend Gina Kennard told me: 'At Balmoral that year — after that man got into her bedroom — the Queen began snap-

ping at Philip. She was really quite snappy with him. Which was unusual for her. Not for him, of course. He's always been a bit snappy. But the man getting into her room was horrid.'

It was. The man had a broken glass ashtray in his hand and was bleeding when he entered the Queen's bedroom at around 7.15am.

She pressed the alarm button by her bed, but her overnight police guard had gone off duty at 6am and her footman was walking the corgis. Fagan simply wandered in, drew the curtains and sat on the bed.

He wanted to share his troubles with Her Majesty. (Later, he told police he had planned to slash his wrists in front of the Queen.) Eventually, when he asked for a cigarette, the Queen managed to manoeuvre him out of the bedroom and the alarm was raised.

The incident prompted a review of Palace security, which was, in the words of Fagan himself, 'diabolical'. This was not Fagan's first dawn raid on the Palace: on the previous occasion he had stolen a bottle of wine.

The then Home Secretary Willie Whitelaw, who was ultimately responsible for the Queen's security, offered his resignation. It was declined. Some years later, he told me, his eyes brimming with tears: 'I felt utterly ashamed, utterly miserable. It was the worst moment of my public life.'

handful of exceptions, she did not say things which people could remember, or do things which made people sit up and take notice. But her personality emerged nonetheless.

We know what the Queen stood for and cared about. Take, for example, her dogged commitment to the Commonwealth. Whitehall and Westminster may be more preoccupied with the United Kingdom's relations with Europe and the United States, but the Queen's knowledgeable enthusiasm for what she described as 'a free and voluntary association of equal partners' that 'in all history has no precedent' was a wonder to behold.

The novelist Daphne du Maurier, when her husband Boy Browning was still Comptroller of the Duke of Edinburgh's household, stayed at Balmoral and was struck by the way Prince Philip could talk about anything — literature, art, murder, military manoeuvres — while the Queen's range of interests and conversation was much more limited.

Her Majesty's face only really 'lit up' when the talk was of horses — and world affairs.

In truth, the Queen was exceptionally well informed. This is because she was conscientious. She did her 'boxes' week in, week out, throughout the year. She said she was a quick reader, 'though I do rather begrudge some of the hours that I have to do instead of being outdoors'.

She knew the presidents and prime ministers of the Commonwealth personally. The way they spoke of her — invariably with

respect, often with affection, occasionally with awe — suggests their admiration was genuine, not simply a matter of form.

In the United Kingdom, she had 15 prime ministers. She maintained a cordial relationship with them all — even Margaret Thatcher, who told me that the talk of her having a strained relationship with the Queen was 'a lot of nonsense'.

'The Queen,' said Lady Thatcher, 'is simply marvellous. And her commitment to the Commonwealth and to our Armed Services has been especially important.'

When Parliament was sitting, the Queen and prime minister met once a week, and in September the prime minister and his/her consort were briefly guests of Her Majesty at Balmoral (it is reckoned that the Blairs' baby Leo, born a tad prematurely on May 20, 2000, was conceived under the royal roof).

The Queen saw herself as a 'sounding board' for her prime ministers.

She said: 'They unburden themselves, or tell me what's going on. If they've got any problems, sometimes one can help in that way, too. I think it's rather nice to feel that one's a sort of sponge.'

'Some things stay there and some things go out the other ear... occasionally, one can put one's point of view when perhaps they hadn't seen it from that angle.'

On the whole, the Queen accepted what politicians threw at her over the years, such as the curtailment of the Civil List and the requirement from 1993 to pay

tax on her private income. There was negotiation — a bit of give and take on either side — but ultimately, the government of the day called the shots.

She did, however, successfully resist an attempt by Tony Benn (when he was Postmaster-General in the mid 1960s) to have the Sovereign's profile removed from British postage stamps.

Once, I asked Lord Charteris, Her Majesty's longest-serving private secretary, if the Queen herself ever felt she had put a foot wrong. He said, at once: 'Aberfan. She got that wrong and she knows it.'

In October 1966, in the South

## The world changed, the Queen did not

Wales mining village of Aberfan, a slag heap collapsed, engulfing the village school and killing 146 people. The Queen expressed her anguish in a press release and dispatched Prince Philip and Lord Snowdon to the scene. She did not immediately go herself.

'It was a mistake,' Charteris told me, 'and one she regrets. The scale of the tragedy called for an immediate response, but she is not a spontaneous person and is not given to emotional gestures. Custom, form and precedent

count with her. She tends to do what she has done before.'

She made up for her error in the years that followed. She visited Aberfan four times, most recently during her Diamond Jubilee tour in 2012, when she unveiled a plaque at Ynysowen Community Primary School and made a speech. (She was ever-present and always highly visible, but she did not make that many speeches.)

The Queen is still charged by some with having been out of touch and slow to react (for example, in the case of Paul Burrell's trial and at the outset of the week of Diana's death) and even her keenest admirers, who regarded her as a force for good, would not have described her as a force for change.

But while that might have mattered when she was a younger woman, it did not matter at all later in her reign. The world changed: the Queen, thank God, did not.

Amid life's uncertainties, she was reassuringly familiar. She kept the show on the road.

She kept her profile on the postage stamps, not for reasons of vanity but because that was where it belonged; that was where you expected it to be.

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IN TOMORROW'S **The Mail** ON SUNDAY

# The Queen's teenage crushes on other men



# Long to rain over us?

## Clouds look just like Her Majesty in hat

By Chris Brooke

HER mischievous grin and colourful hats lit up her reign for 70 years. And now, it seems, they are continuing to brighten our skies – in the form of some extraordinarily shaped clouds.

As news of Her Majesty's death broke on Thursday, huge rainclouds appeared in formations that well-wishers remarked 'looked like the Queen'.

Photos of the phenomena – which resembled the Queen in her favourite style of hat, below – quickly went viral on social media.

Leanne Bethell stopped to take a picture of the skies in Telford, Shropshire, after her daughter, Lacey, spotted the similarities.

She said: 'We were driving home not long after the announcement and my 11-year-old daughter was screaming and shouting. She then pointed at the sky and said, "Mum, it's The Queen". So I had to pull over and take some pictures.'

A ten-year-old schoolgirl in Great Wyrley, Staffordshire, also shared a picture of a cloud that looked like the Queen 'in a big hat' moments after the monarch's death was announced. Other photos of the clouds rimmed with gold were shared as the sun set that evening.



Poignant symbol: A golden-edged cloud resembling the Queen in the skies over Shropshire

# Storm as Met Office cuts back forecasts

By Mary O'Connor

THE Met Office faced an outcry yesterday after seeming to suggest it would cut back on forecasting weather out of 'respect' to the Queen.

In a tweet posted yesterday morning, the service wrote: 'We are saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with her family and all those affected by this news. As a mark of respect during this time of national mourning, we will only be posting daily forecasts and warnings.'

Social media users were quick to blast the tweet, with former BBC news correspondent Jon Sopel writing on Twitter: 'I'm totally bewildered... why is it a mark of respect to give us the weather forecast for today but not tomorrow? Or to put it another way, why is it disrespectful to give us tomorrow's weather?'

Broadcaster and Mail+ contributor Michael Crick called the apparent move 'even nuttier than postponing football matches', while Piers Morgan wrote: 'How does withholding weather reports respect the Queen?'

But Met Office spokesman Graham Madge has clarified the forecaster will still be providing full weather forecast and warnings information, but 'pausing' all other 'non-operational content'.

He said: 'It is unfortunate there has been confusion. Our intention is to focus on the forecast within our seven-day forecasting horizon.'

'We are pausing other content temporarily, so the public can focus on any potential impactful weather during the national mourning period.'

# Sick jibes as anti-royalists celebrate the Queen's death

By Neil Sears

ANTI-monarchists marked the Queen's death with bitter attacks on her – including a hope that she suffered 'agonising pain'.

US academic Dr Uju Anya tweeted: 'I heard the chief monarch of a thieving, raping, genocidal empire is finally dying. May her pain be excruciating.'

Twitter later deleted the post, but Dr Anya went on to claim the Queen 'sponsored genocide'. She added: 'I'm wishing her an agonisingly painful death like the one she caused for millions of people.'

The academic, who has a Nigerian and Trinidadian background, specialises in linguistics and critical discourse at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. The university said it did not condone attacks on the Queen but 'free expression is core to the mission of higher education'.

Former England footballer and TalkSport radio pundit and Trevor Sinclair wrote on Twitter: 'Racism was outlawed in England in the 60s & it's been allowed to thrive so

## 'Despicable' attack by New York Times

THE New York Times sparked anger after it ran an article on the day of the Queen's death which said the monarch had 'helped obscure a bloody history'.

A piece written for the US newspaper by a Harvard academic on Thursday used her death to attack the ills of British history.

Maya Jasanoff called on people not to 'romanticise' the Queen's era, saying that she had 'put a stolid traditionalist front over decades of violent upheaval'.

The extraordinarily ill-timed attack sparked

deep anger across the globe – including from the newspaper's own readers.

One reader described the timing of the piece as 'despicable' while another in Malaysia said it had been 'entirely inappropriate', 'mean spirited' and 'disrespectful'.

Another reader in London said: 'Trust the New York Times to take the low road and give the British and Commonwealth subjects a kicking once the sovereign has passed away. Can't you just let us take a breath before publishing this?'

why should black and brown mourn!!' The former Manchester City and QPR winger, 49, later deleted the tweet and his account after a backlash. TalkSport suspended him, saying he 'will not be on air while we carry out a thorough investigation into the circumstances and timing of his

tweet'. It added: 'TalkSport does not endorse the tweet.'

His TalkSport colleague Simon Jordan told him online: 'Trev, I'm really not sure that is an appropriate thought, let alone tweet... Respect and value should be the overriding sentiments – not division'. In Argentina, which lost the

1982 Falklands War with Britain, TV presenter Santiago Cuneo toasted the 'good news' of the Queen's death with champagne, calling her a 'British s\*\*\*'.

Left-wing website The Canary, a cheerleader for former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, wrote: 'Queen Elizabeth was the colo-

niser-in-chief overseeing a parasitic empire, the effects of which are felt to this day. Our thoughts are with the people ravaged by her reign.' It promoted tweets from other anti-royalists who claimed the Queen was guilty of 'evil', 'tried to stop independence movements' and 'has blood on her hands'.

British writer Will Self was commissioned by US website The Daily Beast to write a piece titled: 'British monarchy should die with the Queen.' Self, who was sacked by a newspaper for taking heroin on PM John Major's plane in 1997, described the Queen as a 'looker' who 'the vast majority of British men had sexual dreams about'.

Meanwhile, comedian Kevin Bridges told a show in Glasgow on the day of the Queen's death that she 'won't be the only old woman who is going to die this winter'.

American singer Phoebe Bridgers claimed that the 'Queen' had been a white supremacist 'war criminal' behind 'colonial genocidal violence'.

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# Daily Mail

## COMMENT

### The enduring power of the monarchy

AS each hour passes, the collective sense of loss felt for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II grows ever more palpable.

We see it outside Buckingham Palace, where thousands of mourners, young and old, have braved the unpredictable weather to bid farewell to the mother of our nation.

We see it around the globe, where reports of her death led every news bulletin and world leaders have lined up to pay tribute to her extraordinary life.

After such a long and exemplary reign, it is right and fitting that over the next fortnight we will commemorate her passing with all the pomp and glory in Britain's considerable armoury, leaving the rest of the world looking on in envious awe.

But with our longest-serving monarch gone, it is certain republicans will seek to exploit her death as an excuse to do away with our constitutional monarchy and continue their clamour for an elected head of state.

For years, Her Majesty's near faultless custodianship and universal respect have left their movement depressed and demoralised. But with the country in the midst of transition, those previously inaudible whines will grow ever louder.

Doubtless they will trot out their usual well-worn arguments as to whether a modern democracy should be headed by someone who is only in place through accident of birth.

And while it is true the role of sovereign can sometimes appear anachronistic and symbolic, it is of crucial importance to the functioning of our democracy.

It brings both continuity and stability. By remaining above the fray of partisan politics, our head of state ensures the smooth transfer of power between governments.

On top of that, it has the ability to bring the country together in a way that no elected official possibly can.

For these vital reasons, the new King will need to show all of his mother's deftness in diplomacy in order to silence the inevitable howls of protest which will greet his coronation.

Thankfully, however, there is every reason to feel confident that Charles has the makings of a fine monarch.

As Prince of Wales, he showed himself to be not just a passionate advocate for good causes, but also a prescient one.

His views on the environment and farming, for example, were dismissed by critics at the time as the rantings of an eccentric. But they have now become mainstream.

His impromptu walkabout outside the Palace yesterday, followed by a heartfelt address to the nation, demonstrated just how at ease with himself the once petulant prince has become.

Much credit for this must surely go to his wife Camilla, whose easy-going charm and humility has won over a once sceptical public. Her steady support as Queen in the years ahead will be invaluable.

As well as having the love of his life by his side, His Majesty will be able to rule confidently in the knowledge that Prince William and his elegant wife Kate's star quality and enormous rapport with the public means he already has ready-made royal successors waiting in the wings.

Doubtless it remains a source of deep regret for Charles that his second son Harry and wife Meghan have declined to serve in this regenerated royal set-up to pursue commercial deals in America.

But the choice to do so was theirs and theirs alone.

No one has done more to capture the very essence of the monarchy than our dear departed Queen. Her commitment to her people remained undimmed right to the end. May God bless her.

Now it is up to King Charles to step up and carry forward the glittering legacy she leaves behind for future generations.

**W**E HAVE lost a beloved Queen, but we have not lost the monarchy. And that is no accident.

Thanks to her careful custodianship, and thanks to that of her predecessors and our wiser old statesmen and women, it is in good health — although we cannot take anything for granted.

The majority of people in Britain still support the idea of monarchy. But throughout the Queen's reign, there have been those who have said: 'This outmoded institution will last Queen Elizabeth's time. When she dies, we'll think about it again, and many of us will decide Britain should be like the other sensible countries in the world and become a republic.'

With the Queen's death, they will now be gathering their forces and marshalling their arguments.

Britain, they will tell us, must learn to grow up. The U.S., after all, has been a successful republic for nearly 250 years. France, Germany, Italy, Ireland — they are all nations modern enough, grown-up enough, to have a head of state they elected for themselves.

Why should we be stuck in the past, with a head of state imposed on us solely because she or he was the eldest child of the last white, privileged person who sat on the throne?

Yes, these so-called sensible people will argue, a bit of pageantry cheers us all up, and it helps the tourist industry to have a monarch who can be paraded through the streets like someone in a fairy tale, in a glass coach, wearing a crown. But although this might appeal to our hearts, do not our *heads* tell us

### Countries which gave up monarchy fell victim to tyranny

that it is time for a republic in which we are allowed to choose who will be our leader?

Funnily enough, I am the polar opposite of people who think like this.

As a schoolboy studying history, I hugely admired Oliver Cromwell, our only republican leader, and I later wrote a book about his Latin Secretary, the famous poet who wrote *Paradise Lost*, John Milton.

My emotions thrilled to what those doughty 17th-century republicans called *The Good Old Cause* — their determined stance against any form of monarchy.

But as I have reflected upon the matter over many years of reading history, I realise that my youthful enthusiasm for Cromwell overlooked quite a number of disturbing facts.

This supposed defender of Parliament in our English Civil Wars lost no time in abolishing Parliament when it disagreed with him. He then ushered in an era in which he outlawed anything he disapproved of, including theatres, maypoles and Christmas — our equivalent, really, of being ruled by the Taliban.

You may say that there's no danger of a modern British republican president making it illegal to eat a Christmas pudding, and you would probably be right. But, as you look back over the long life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, your brain should tell you there is no room for complacency.

She was born in 1926, at about the time of the General Strike, when many in Britain feared that there would be a communist revolution akin to what had happened in Russia in 1917.

I remember an ancient doctor saying to me when I was a very young man: 'I worked as a GP in the East End of London in those days. There were children dying of rickets. Living conditions were awful. If you had lived then,

you would have become a communist on the spot.'

Thankfully, not everyone did, and Britain escaped the hideous fate that befell Russia where, a little under a decade before the Queen was born, the communists ushered in generations of Soviet tyranny by brutally murdering their own royal family.

But it wasn't just communism that threatened the peace. While Princess Elizabeth grew up, Italy had a fascist dictator, Mussolini; and after 1933, Germany — the land of Beethoven and Bach, and of the most rational scientists and philosophers in the history of the world — plunged into the madness of being ruled by Adolf Hitler.

As the terrible decade wore on, a government of the extreme Left arose in Spain, where whole convents full of nuns were lined up and shot as Catholicism became a crime.

The civil war which followed divided Europe, between those who supported the quasi-fascist General Franco — who won, having killed tens of thousands of his fellow Spaniards — and those backing the republic, which would undoubtedly have come under the control of a genocidal Stalin's Russia if it had been victorious.

But none of this happened in Britain. And that is in large part because throughout the

period when the Queen was growing up, her forebears maintained in this country the idea of a constitutional monarchy.

Under this system, the Crown, which is the symbol of power, is 'above politics'. But the person who wears the crown is a guardian of the institutions which keep us free — namely the rule of law, the judiciary, jury trial and Parliament.

Those who think that constitutional monarchs are simply figureheads, symbolic figures who are occasionally paraded through the streets wearing strange clothes, should look again at the life of Elizabeth II, and of the two men from whom she learnt her craft — her father George VI and the man she called Grandpa England, George V.

Day in, day out, the Queen would read through the state papers brought to her in red boxes. Once a week, she would meet the Prime Minister.

All the Prime Ministers who have paid tribute to Her Majesty over the past couple of days have acknowledged the meticulous and patient way in which she had mastered all this material, and how wise she was in her advice.

Of course, the elected government makes all the executive decisions, but it would be quite wrong to ignore how intimately they work in tandem with the monarch. It was not an accident, during the

Queen's childhood, that those countries which had given up monarchy — Germany and Russia in particular — fell victim to the most appalling tyranny; nor that Italy, which retained a constitutional monarchy of sorts, was the first country to emerge from the horror of fascism, when the King of Italy sacked Mussolini.

(After that, alas, Italy became a republic and has lived in total political chaos ever since — with the highest offices of state utterly corrupt.)

It was not an accident that Britain avoided the pitfalls of having a communist or a fascist dictatorship. These horrors were kept at bay in very large

### She learnt all from 'Grandpa England'

measure by our monarchs, working in tandem with the Establishment, or the political class, whatever you want to call it.

George V was a dyed-in-the-wool old Tory countryman who loved shooting pheasant, partridge and snipe, and who was ultra-conservative in

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Lessons: Charles must emulate his mother's ability to bring people together



# This is the moment republicans have been waiting for and their drumbeat will grow ever louder. But history proves Britain's unique monarchy is a bulwark against dictators and revolution

## SATURDAY ESSAY



by A. N. WILSON

outlook. But he also befriended the leaders of the trades unions — he asked Ramsay MacDonald, the first Labour Prime Minister, to form a National Government of unity at a time of grave crisis — and he is one of the prime reasons that constitutional government survived in Britain.

This was because, like his granddaughter Elizabeth II, George V saw quite clearly that the humble role of a modern sovereign is simply to look after those institutions which protect the liberties of the people.

The monarch can also do what no individual president, however admirable, could ever do. The King provides, in his own person, an

embodied link with the past. Charles III has only been our King for a few days, but he arrives with the great weight of history — all his ancestors and the shared experiences of their people, stretching back to the time of Alfred the Great.

Our late, ever-beloved Queen was not just a figurehead. She carried with her the experiences of her subjects, so many of whom she had met personally. That is why, at times of great national solemnity, the monarch is so much bigger a person than any elected president could ever be.

Think of the ceremony at the Cenotaph each year when the monarch joins with the nation and

remembers the sacrifice of those who died in war.

Of course, we *could* hold such a ceremony with President Blair or President Esther Rantzen or whoever had put themselves forward for the role. But it would not be the same, because these individuals, however admirable as individuals, could not carry with them the nation's past as the sovereign does.

There is a great paradox here, which the Queen understood so perfectly. Only she could have fulfilled the role because she inherited it from her father, just as only Charles III could continue it for the same reason. He inherited it.

But although the Crown can only pass to particular individuals, the

monarchy, as an institution, is *not* about those persons. It is *not* a cult of personality.

This is what made the Queen so different from, for example, her grandson's poor wife, Meghan, who thinks that being royal means being a super-celebrity.

It is true that members of the Royal Family are famous simply because they are royal. But they are not celebrities, and the role of the constitutional monarch is not to be at the centre of it all.

Those who were close to Her Majesty often remark that there were many personal qualities which were never, or seldom, on display — a keen sense of fun, even of satire, for example. This is partly because

she was, in public, a shy person, but also because she was so keenly aware of the difference between being a monarch and a celebrity.

Republics came into being, in history, because of the arrogance of monarchs. States, which are composed of all of us, were seen by the absolute monarchs as their own personal possessions. Louis XIV of France famously declared that he *was* the state (*'L'Etat c'est moi'*).

Never in all her long life would such a thought have occurred to Elizabeth II, who was so well-taught, by her grandparents and parents, in the tradition of constitutional monarchy. She was not the state, but the role she played within the state was central. She was its linchpin.

As I said, it was no accident that Britain was lucky enough, in the 20th and 21st centuries, to escape having a brutal dictatorship such as those that held sway over most of the European landmass, from Stalin's Russia to Hitler's Germany to Franco's Spain.

It was, in fact, the result of the wisdom of relatively few people.

When Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, she was a clueless teenager, and it was only when she had a petulant teenage strop with her second Prime Minister, Robert Peel, that she began to learn the ropes.

Peel was a moderate conservative who taught Victoria and Albert that you did not have to choose between having a monarchy and having a state in which the people chose their leaders.

In those years in Europe, die-hard conservatives wanted to go

*It is not a cult of personality, or being a celeb*

back to absolute monarchy, and the revolutionaries wanted a republican world.

Peel and Prince Albert instead pioneered a precious ideal. The lawful, inherited monarch would remain not only what kings and queens in Britain had always been — upholders of the law and the judiciary — but they would also work hand-in-hand with representative government, with Parliament and eventually democracy, as it evolved during Victoria's long reign.

Teenage ignoramus Victoria grew up into the wise old grandmother of Europe, who implored her grandson, the German Emperor, not to be a tyrant. In vain — he was overthrown. She begged her foolish granddaughter, the Empress of Russia, to adopt a constitutional monarchy there and to see the point of allowing the people their voice in elections. Again, in vain. The Russian emperor heedlessly ignored the advice and they ended up with Lenin and Stalin.

In Britain, thank God, the legacy of Peel, Albert and Victoria was understood by our later monarchs. They all deserve our thanks for carrying on this modest but vital role.

It must, sometimes, be very boring to be the Queen or King. It must also be very frustrating to be the head of state if you do not have the power to say in public why you think the politicians are making a hash of things.

The paradox of the role of constitutional monarchy is that, much as we treasure the late Queen's utterances (her Christmas broadcasts, her speeches), her greatest and most eloquent gift was in her silences.

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## HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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# Dr Michael MOSLEY

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**T**HE Age of Anxiety was a term coined in the 1940s to describe the fraught and changed world after the war, but now with Russia's attack on Ukraine, energy bills soaring and so much economic uncertainty, it feels like an apt description of our current turbulent times.

The trouble is, although mental health problems such as depression and anxiety are on the rise (and have been for years), the treatments haven't really changed.

If your symptoms are serious you will probably be offered medication and perhaps psychological therapies. But many people don't want to take pills, and therapy isn't for everyone.

But there is good news, as recently highlighted in *Nature*, a leading science journal, with promising research exploring possible causes — and treatments. These include:

## PRESS-UPS AND FASTING

WHEN I was at medical school we were told that adults don't grow new brain cells, so we should look after the ones we have (I thought at the time that this was a subtle dig at the culture of medical students drinking and destroying their brain cells).

But during the 1990s, when researchers started doing post-mortem human brain studies they found signs of new cell growth in brain areas such as the hippocampus, which helps regulate mood and memory. So we do go on creating new brain cells, even into old age, in a process known as neurogenesis.

But more recently, brain scans have shown that chronic stress alters this delicate balance, accelerating the death of existing brain cells, while slowing the growth of new ones. This not only spells trouble for things such as memory, it's thought it could also be a trigger for depression and anxiety (though exactly how is unclear).

This could also help explain how some antidepressants work, as we know they can trigger cell growth in the hippocampus and other brain areas. One of the ways they do this is by stimulating the release of a chemical called BDNF, which acts like fertiliser for the brain.

There are drug-free methods to help boost BDNF and therefore the growth of new brain cells, including resistance exercise and intermittent fasting. The best form of resistance exercise for boosting BDNF seems to be press-ups and squats, because they lead to big surges in blood to the brain, which in turn encourages more BDNF. That is one reason I do at least 30 squats and press-ups most mornings.

As for intermittent fasting, both

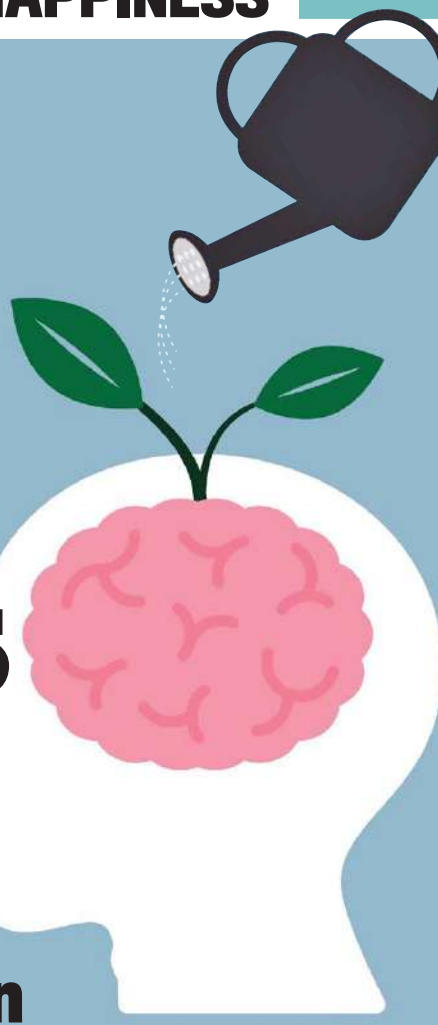
**WHENEVER I** return home our dog, Tari, starts to run around and yelp in what I fondly imagine is pure joy. And there is indeed research that shows dog owners, and their pets, enjoy a big surge in blood levels of the bonding and love hormone oxytocin



when reunited. Not just that, but according to recent Japanese research, the surge in oxytocin can make both dogs and humans literally weep with joy. I'm convinced that Tari, despite being a stiff-upper-lip King Charles, does shed a little tear on seeing me.

## How you can grow new little grey cells

... and it could help tackle depression and anxiety without a need for medication



time-restricted eating (where you only eat within a reduced time window, such as from 10am to 8pm) and the 5:2 method (where you dramatically reduce calorie intake for two days a week) have been shown to boost BDNF.

## A ZAP TO THE BRAIN

ANOTHER way to boost your mood could be to stimulate your brain with small electric shocks. The more radical version of the electric shock approach is called deep brain stimulation (DBS), which involves implanting electrodes deep inside the brain in areas that regulate your mood.

DBS was developed to treat the tremors caused by Parkinson's disease, and when it works it is impressive. While it doesn't have quite as impressive an impact on depression, an analysis of 17 studies, published last year in the journal *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, concluded that it worked in more than half of cases of depression

resistant to other treatments. A far less invasive approach is to deliver weak electrical currents to specific parts of the brain via electrodes attached to the scalp — this is said to suppress a type of brainwave that's more common in people with depression.

In a 2019 study by the University of North Carolina, 32 patients with severe depression were treated in this way and when they were re-tested after a couple of weeks, 70 per cent reported markedly improved symptoms.

## LIGHT THERAPY

IF YOU don't fancy electric shocks, what about light therapy? Your body runs on an internal clock that tries to keep your body in sync with the world around you.

At the start of the day it is exposure to bright morning light that resets your internal clock and gets you ready for the day.

But with the arrival of artificial light, these days we spend too

much time indoors and stay up late, which is bad for our body clocks and our brains — and our mood, as it affects the production of hormones that help regulate it.

An immediate way to boost your mood is to go for a brisk 20-minute walk first thing in the morning, which will help reset your body clock. Or you could try 30 minutes in front of a SAD lamp, a light box that produces 10,000 lux (a measure of light intensity), similar to a bright summer's day and around 50 times more intense than you would get indoors.

In a small study published in July, researchers from the University of Basel in Switzerland allocated 22 women with severe post-natal depression to either 30 minutes a day of bright-light therapy (10,000 lux) or dim red light (the control group) for six weeks: 73 per cent of the women given bright-light therapy were no longer depressed at the end of the study, compared to 27 per cent in the control group.

**NOW** that the indulgent summer holidays are over you might have noticed your waistband is feeling a bit tighter.

The best time to lose weight is just after you have put it on and before you get used to your new shape, and shedding excess fat, particularly from around the tummy, is important for your long-term health.

A recent study of 428,000 middle-aged Brits by the University of Oxford found that every extra inch around the waist was linked to an 11 per cent greater risk of developing heart failure over a 13-year period.

## AVOID JUNK FOOD

AT LEAST half the average Briton's calories now come from ultra-processed junk food (the sort of food that comes in bright packages with a long list of strange-sounding ingredients) — and there is a good chance that it's having a bad effect on our brains.

In a recent study researchers at Florida Atlantic University surveyed more than 10,000 people about eating habits and mental health and found that the more junk food people ate, the more likely they were to report 'mentally unhealthy' or 'anxious' days.

This follows a seminal study, published in 2017, by Australian researchers where people who were moderately or severely depressed went on a healthier Mediterranean-style diet — after a couple of months, around a third were able to come off medication.

Why is highly processed food so bad for the brain? As well as being full of salt, sugar and fat, it tends to be low in fibre and essential vitamins, which leads to chronic inflammation throughout the body, including the brain. This in turn seems to lead to the rewiring of neural circuits, triggering depression or anxiety.

## EAT MARMITE

ONE vitamin that seems to be important for mood is vitamin B6, which is found in tuna, salmon, fortified cereals and one of my favourite spreads: Marmite.

A recent study by the University of Reading found that B6 in large doses helped reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression in young people. To get a decent dose of vitamin B6, marinate salmon fillets in a mix of Marmite, soy sauce, honey and chilli. Sounds terrible, but it works!

## Why your ears are a useful health tool

I AM a big fan of Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* books, and I loved the films, too. So I eagerly awaited the new prequel TV series, *The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*, which was released recently on Amazon Prime Video.

I've only seen one episode and, while it looks good, I am struggling to keep up with all the new characters, not helped by my wife Clare asking me every few minutes: 'Who's that?' As I told her, the

most reliable way to tell who's an elf is by looking at their ears, which are, of course, pointy.

In fact, your ears are quite a useful health tool, too. For instance, if you have a diagonal crease in your earlobe it suggests you might be at increased risk of heart disease, possibly related to problems with your arteries.

Meanwhile, a skin tag on the ear of a

newborn can suggest kidney problems (but no one knows why). Big, floppy ears, on the other hand, are probably just a sign that you are getting older.

Contrary to popular myth, ears don't get bigger as you age but the cartilage, which they're made of, begins to sag, and that can make them look more prominent (sadly it's the same with your nose).







Picture: SPLASH

**Opulent: The Peltzes' Florida estate where Brooklyn and Nicola, right, married in a lavish ceremony**

**A**S OLIVE branches go, it's very Victoria Beckham. After months of speculation about frosty relations with her son Brooklyn's new in-laws, he and his wife Nicola have been invited to Victoria's Paris Fashion Week show at the end of the month.

'Everyone is invited, including Brooklyn and Nicola,' I'm told. 'Although it's not definite yet that they will come.'

All concerned are hoping the newlyweds will attend and that the families will be reunited — not least because the fall-out between them has caused the Beckhams a great deal of pain.

As first revealed in this paper, an icy silence has descended between Nicola and her mother-in-law Victoria.

Starting from the wedding in April, the pair have pointedly failed to like each other's posts on social media. They have spent time together only once, on a night out in Italy in July.

Brooklyn and Nicola enjoyed weeks on holiday with the Peltz family on their yacht this summer — and skipped the Beckhams' yacht holiday completely. They then spent more time with the Peltzes in Florida.

Since then, there has been a volley of accusations, with claims that Victoria hijacked the bride and groom's wedding dance and that Nicola had no intention of wearing a dress by Victoria as, woundingly, she knew designers who were 'actually talented'.

These tensions, which came to a head during the wedding, remain high. On one side, you have besotted Brooklyn, who has an enormous 'Peltz' tattoo across his



**by Alison Boshoff**

Peltz family can offer him things which they [the Beckhams] cannot in terms of commercial connections. David and Victoria have been deeply upset by how things have played out.

'They are worried that Nicola is going to hurt Brooklyn. They feel that the relationship is unbalanced. He makes a lot of sacrifices for her but it's not clear what happens in return. But you know, as Victoria says: "He's just gaga about that girl."'

The former Spice Girl may have risen to fame with the mantra Girl Power, but it seems this is one situation which she has no power to fix — at least not by wading in and opening her mouth.

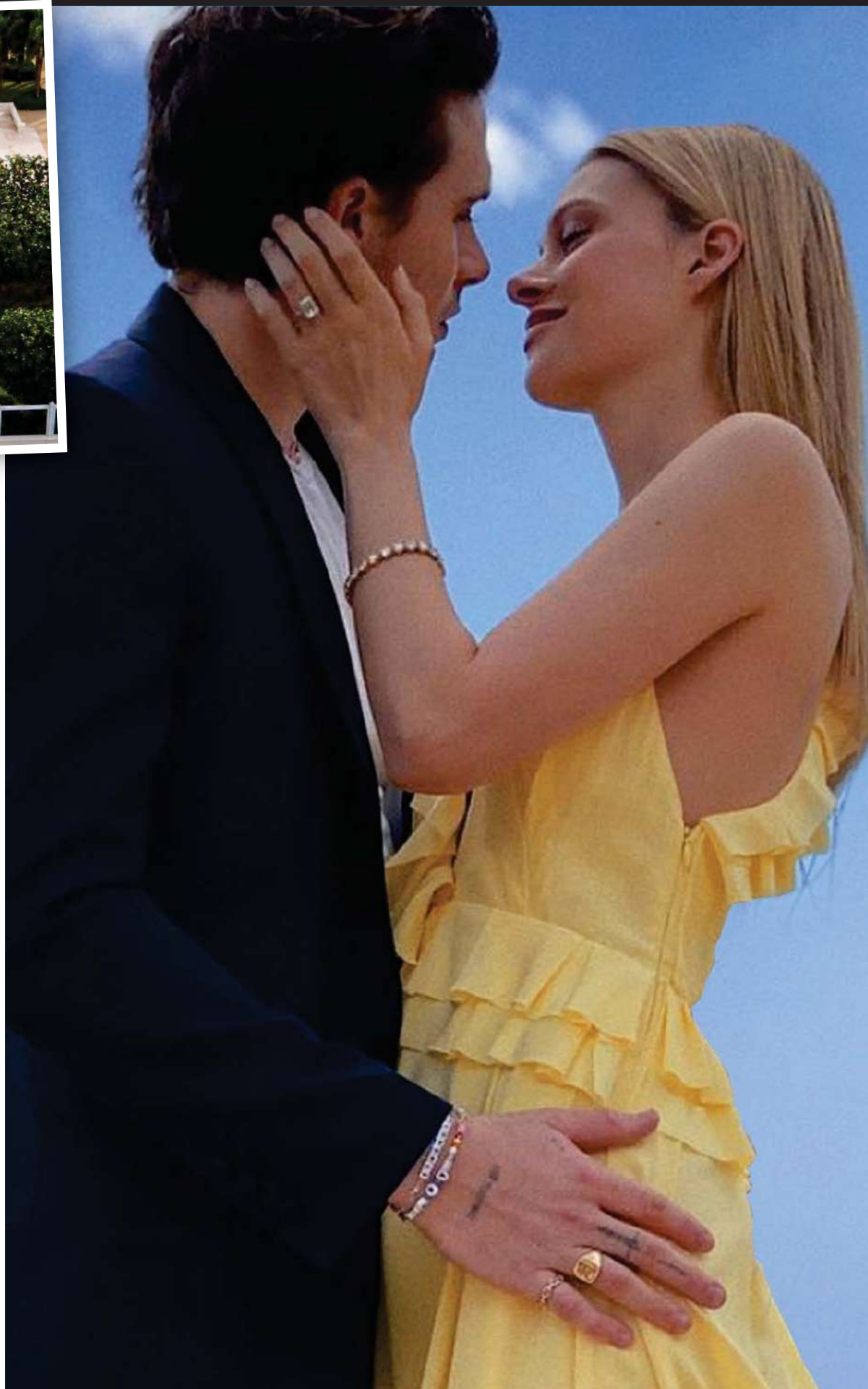
'It's a waiting game,' says the source. 'She is doing nothing about it — she would be stupid to even try.'

How different the picture was when Brooklyn and Nicola started dating at the end of 2019.

From the start, David and Victoria thoroughly approved of Nicola, the savvy youngest child of a billionaire family (Nelson is worth £1.3 billion).

She was a guest of honour at Brooklyn's 21st birthday party in March 2020, dancing the night away with Victoria, who wrote of Nicola on Instagram: 'We love you so much!'

Nicola, four years older than Brooklyn, had already found a career while he was struggling to make it as a photographer and model, having already decided against following his father into football. By contrast, Nicola had tasted some success, starring in Transformers: Age Of Extinction,



***'He's spending all his time with her family. It's Peltz, Peltz, Peltz'***

chest and keeps adding more inky tributes to his wife — apparently each one makes her weep because she is so in love with him.

On the other, you have the Beckhams, who feel their son has been completely absorbed by his wife's large, wealthy family.

Nelson Peltz, a feared corporate raider whose firm is the largest shareholder in the Wendy's burger chain, is said to be bringing Brooklyn even further into the fold by financially backing his forthcoming commercial venture into the hot chilli sauce business.

To Nicola's delight, aspiring chef Brooklyn defers to Nelson (quite sensibly) for career advice.

She told Tatler this summer: 'Brooklyn is getting into very exciting things with his shows and also business things and it's really sweet. I watch him call my dad and say: "What do you think about this?" I love watching him learn from my dad.'

A Beckham source says: 'The

and was a steadier influence than some of his previous romances (his liaison with model Hana Cross was very stormy.)

The couple became engaged in July 2020, just as the first pandemic lockdown in the UK was lifting.

Nicola posed for pictures in a canary yellow Victoria Beckham dress and Victoria penned a gushing welcome on Instagram 'The MOST exciting news!! We could not be happier. Wishing you so much love and a lifetime of happiness. We all love you both so much x.'

But I'm told by a well-placed friend that the cracks started to appear soon afterwards, when the Beckhams were invited to meet Nelson and Claudia Peltz at their £76million home in Palm Beach, Florida. In normal circumstances, this would have happened before the engagement — but the pandemic meant that it didn't.

The source says: 'When they

first went to the Peltz house, the Beckhams sent their security team in advance to sweep the place.

'It is standard procedure when you are a couple at this level of fame, but it did not go down well

eyebrows. The feeling was that the Beckhams were somehow saying that they were more important than the Peltzes. It was a simple mis-step, but a bad start.'

Thoughts then turned to wedding planning.

The Beckhams were interested in having weddings on both sides of the Atlantic, with a celebration at their house in the Cotswolds — as they did for Brooklyn's 21st — plus one in America.

The Peltzes, as is traditional, wanted to have just one wedding at their immense house in Florida, complete with its own jetty and beach.

Claudia Heffner Peltz, a titanium socialite and former top model, firmly took charge, and made a number of decisions — including that there would just be one wedding. She's had years of experience hosting mega-budget parties and charity events — a bar

***'Nicola's mum isn't at all intimidated by Victoria'***

with the Peltz family. They have their own security, of course, and naturally it is the best that money can buy, so there was no need for their visitors to do this. It raised



As Brooklyn spends the summer with his new wife and billionaire in-laws — but not his own parents...

# The real reason the Beckhams feel they're being frozen out of their son's life



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Rift: Brooklyn and Nicola with the Beckhams, top, and, left, Nicola with her mother, Claudia



Victoria stole the first dance from the bride are inaccurate, as are reports that singer Marc Anthony upset Nicola by giving a long speech about Mrs Beckham.

But the damage had been done, with the Beckhams feeling puzzled that they had been seemingly sidelined from the life of their adored eldest son.

There are also suggestions that the Peltz family are rather surprised that Brooklyn hasn't had more of an education. He dropped out of his university course in photography at the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York after only a year.

I'm told: 'A level of mistrust exists which means that each side suspects, wrongly, that the other has been leaking stories in recent weeks.'

'The Beckhams are both really hurt, particularly David. They want to be there for Brooklyn, they always thought he would

be a big part of their lives for ever. Now they don't even speak as often

driving seat over the wedding and it put Victoria into a rage.

'Victoria is used to people being intimidated by her, she's been famous for 25 years and is deferred to a lot, but Mrs Peltz didn't seem to be impressed in the slightest.'

Another apparent source of tension was Victoria's habit of posting online pictures of herself cosied up to her future daughter-in-law.

Claudia's view, apparently, was that it was time for this overly clingy and interfering mother to fade into the background and let her girl shine.

In the end, Victoria's only input into the wedding seems to have been that the guests should be offered a 'light' menu option.

The Beckhams also chose their friend, DJ Fat Tony, to provide a set at the wedding, and are thought to have paid for both this and a performance by the singer Marc Anthony, who is also a pal.

In addition, the Beckhams were absent from the top table. It caused some confusion as at an English wedding the top table would include both the bride and groom's parents — but at this American wedding the Beckhams hosted their own table of friends.

'Victoria would have liked to have been on the top table,' I'm told.

The day itself went off well enough. Reports suggesting that

mitzvah she threw for her twin sons at the St Regis in New York is said to have cost £2million.

At the outset, Nicola had said that she wanted her mum to be her wedding planner, recalling in an interview with Wonderland magazine this week: 'My mom was such a big help in my wedding.'

One of the first and biggest questions was who would design the dress. As Nicola has said, Victoria Beckham had offered to do the honours.

Recollections vary about what happened next. Nicola said that it became clear that what she wanted was beyond what her mother-in-law's atelier was able to deliver. Some other sources think that Nicola was never really serious about taking Victoria up on the offer.

It would be no surprise if Nicola, a full-on fashionista, had had her heart set on the couture

experience for this, the biggest dress of her life.

By September 2021, she was visiting Pierpaolo Piccioli at Valentino in Rome with her mother Claudia and her stylist in

*'Each side suspects that the other has been leaking stories'*

attendance, being fitted for her dream dress. At this point, there was an assumption by many of Victoria's friends that one of the bride's other outfits would be by

Victoria, who is known for her tailored trouser suits.

But while Nicola did wear a trouser suit on the eve of her wedding, it was not a Victoria Beckham creation, but one by Dior.

Nor did Victoria get a look in at the post-wedding party, when Nicola opted to wear a Versace mini-dress.

To make matters worse, Nicola spoke in flattering terms about both designers to Vogue magazine, failing to mention at any point in the interview that her future mother-in-law was a successful designer herself.

As for the mother of the bride, Claudia Peltz wore Versace throughout.

Perhaps no slight was intended, but the publicity felt like rather a slap around the face for Mrs Beckham.

I'm told: 'This all started because Claudia was in the

*'Brooklyn is madly in love. Nobody can talk sense into him'*

as they would like. It has come as a real shock.

'The only plus is that problems have brought Victoria and David closer together. They discuss it endlessly. They know that Brooklyn is madly in love with Nicola and you can't fight that.'

'Nobody can talk any sense into him. He's spending all his time with her family — it's all Peltz, Peltz Peltz.'

Indeed, Brooklyn continues to gush over Nicola on Instagram. 'Words can't describe how proud I am of you,' he writes. 'I love you so much.'

Occasionally, though, he cooks. On August 19 he shared footage of himself making a 'spicy chicken parm'. His father wrote: 'When u gonna make us one?'

When indeed?





Proposal: Patric Cassidy

## Patsy says yes to future husband No 5

ACTRESS Patsy Kensit declared just last month that she 'can't be bothered' with men, so imagine my surprise to learn that she's got engaged... again.

The ex-model, 54, is said to have accepted a proposal from property tycoon Patric Cassidy, 58.

Her spokesman will say only: 'Patsy is very happy.'

Cassidy would be in line to become her fifth husband.

She divorced DJ Jeremy Healy, 60, in 2010 following a three-year marriage. At the time, Kensit said their split had taken its toll on her mental health and caused her to gain weight. 'I lost my confidence and ballooned from 8st to 11,' she said.

She was previously married to Oasis star Liam Gallagher, 49, with whom she has a son, Lennon.

She has another son, James, with her second husband, Simple Minds singer Jim Kerr, 63, whom she divorced in 1996. Her first husband was Dan Donovan, 60, lead singer with Big Audio Dynamite.



In a spin: With DJ Jeremy Healy



Definitely maybe: Liam Gallagher



Hubby No2: Simple Minds star Jim Kerr



Dynamite: With singer Dan Donovan

# Eden



## Will Selina come to the aid of King Juan?

SOMETIME BBC 'golden girl' Selina Scott could be about to embark on a dramatic royal rescue mission. I can disclose that The Real Marigold Hotel star has been asked by King Juan Carlos of Spain to help save his honour — and fortune.

The king wants the broadcaster, 71, to give a character reference for him to the High Court in London, where he's being sued for damages by his former mistress, the German socialite Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn, 58.

Juan Carlos, 84, hopes that Selina, who was a newsreader on ITV's News At Ten before she was poached by the BBC to launch Breakfast Time, will do the same for him as Kate Moss did for Johnny Depp when she defended the Hollywood star during his highly acrimonious court battle with his ex-wife, Amber Heard.

'It's tragic what has happened to him,' Selina tells me of Juan Carlos, who abdicated in 2014 in favour of his son, King Felipe, 54. Juan Carlos has been dogged by a series of scandals since he abdicated.

Prosecutors in Switzerland and Spain investigated him for suspected money



'Lots of fun': Juan Carlos and Scott

laundering and tax evasion over a separate \$100million payment from the Saudi Arabian government.

Those cases were dropped last year for lack of evidence.

Juan Carlos, who returned to Spain for a brief visit this year but has spent the past two years living in exile in Abu Dhabi,

denies the accusations. 'I found Juan Carlos a passionate man, handsome and lots of fun, with a refreshing world view,' she adds.

'He introduced me to Fidel Castro and gave me a ride on his high-powered motor cycle, which was exhilarating.'

The king is being taken to court by Corinna over claims that he caused her 'great mental pain and distress' when he tried to recover more than £50million that he claims he lent her, but she says was a gift.

She will also claim damages for the pain she alleges was caused by agents spying on her in London and her home in the country. She will tell the court of mysterious break-ins at her Knightsbridge flat.

The king's request to Selina follows an article she wrote for Spanish newspaper El Pais in which she recalled interviewing him for a landmark ITV programme. It caused a sensation in Madrid because it portrayed him as a hard-living, hard-loving hedonist with popular appeal.

Yorkshire-based Selina, who has had a holiday home on the Spanish island of Majorca for 30 years, has yet to decide if she wishes to be drawn into the court battle.

## William's songbird sweetheart to marry



SHE captivated a young Prince William, with whom she enjoyed a carefree romance in the months after he left Eton.

Since then, Rose Farquhar (right) has melted hearts at numerous weddings, singing everything from Ave Maria to Elvis's Can't Help Falling In Love, as well as making it on to TV talent contest The Voice.

Now, though, is the time for her most exultant aria — in celebration of her engagement to George Gemmell, who, her father, Captain Ian Farquhar, tells me, 'could not be a more charming son-in-law for the future'.

Adds Farquhar, for 34 years a renowned Master of the Beaufort Hunt: 'The Gemmells have been friends of ours for years. We're absolutely delighted.'

George (inset), currently completing veterinary studies, is the stepson of Barbadian construction tycoon Sir Charles 'Cow' Williams, who died last year. It's a link which might suggest a Caribbean wedding — but not, seemingly, for George and Rose, 42, who is head of 'special projects' for the Duchess of Rutland at Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire.

The wedding, says Captain Farquhar, will be close to Christmas and — 'hopefully' — at the family home in Gloucestershire.

But will William be in attendance? He and Rose were once allegedly caught 'canoodling' by a farmer who

stumbled across them in his Cotswolds field — which, some claim, is why he was absent from his friend Charlie

van Straubenzee's wedding four years ago... at which Rose sang as the register was signed.

■ **BOOKER** Prize-winner Douglas Stuart was looking forward to watching something on the small screen when he settled down for a long-haul flight.

Unfortunately, BA had other ideas and put him in a seat without a working television. 'Thanks British Airways, seven-hour flight and no

working telly,' rages the Glasgow-born author of Shuggie Bain, who's lived in New York for more than 20 years. 'When I told the hostess, she smiled and said, "Oh, so you got the booby seat. Sorry." Couldn't give a f\*\*\*. Nice One.'

He's since deleted the comment on Twitter.

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## Mystery of golden girl Cara's 'unexpected' bank action

SHE has seemingly had the world at her feet ever since her runway debut in London Fashion Week as a willowy 18-year-old — the prelude to a dazzling career as supermodel and budding actress during which Cara Delevingne, now 30, has seen her earnings spiral to £30,000 a day.

But I can reveal that some of those with the most detailed knowledge of her commercial activities have taken unexpected action to protect their interests, lest her business, Cara & Co, should suffer a sudden reversal of fortune.

Her bankers, HSBC, registered a charge against the company in April this year — despite the fact that it has assets of £41.4 million.

'It's unexpected for a company with that much money in it to have charges of this kind against it,' my financial mole tells me.

'It's very unlikely to go bust, but if you have a secured charge you become the first one in the queue to be repaid what you're owed.'

Last week, the property developer's daughter was seen sitting alone in a parked car in Los Angeles, where she took drops of liquid from a pipette and smoked from what appeared to be a pipe. Her legs appeared to be bruised.

Cara was still more dishevelled this week after attending the Burning Man Festival in Nevada. She arrived at an airport looking jittery. Cara's spokesman did not respond to a request for comment.

## Georgia May puts a smile back on mum Jerry's face

HEARTBROKEN Jerry Hall is said to have blamed Rupert Murdoch's children for the abrupt end of her marriage after they allegedly drove a wedge between her and the media mogul, 91.

However, relations with her own offspring couldn't be closer.

Here, the Texan, 66, is posing for a selfie with her daughter, and fellow blonde model Georgia May Jagger.

They were launching a new shampoo at the Los Angeles branch of Bleach London, the hair salon Georgia, 30, co-owns with stylist pal Alex Brownell. Clearly, blondes do have more fun.



## Jodie's latest role, a lollipop lady!

WHEN it comes to making a spectacular entrance, Jodie Turner-Smith has got it licked.

Peterborough-born Jodie, who played Anne Boleyn in a racy television drama about Henry VIII's second wife, turned up to the amFAR

Gala in Venice wearing a multi-coloured corset and skirt designed by Christopher John Rogers.

'It looks like she's wearing a Rowntree's Fruit Pastilles ice lolly,' one fashion watcher remarks. How sweet.

■ **REVENGE** is a dish best served cold. Labour MP Rupa Huq settled a long-term score when she made her first appearance on the Commons Culture Select Committee. Grilling BBC boss Tim Davie, she asked why 'at the turn of the century the Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq was paid less than the male presenters'. Invited to declare any personal interests at the start of the hearing, Rupa declined to disclose that Konnie is her younger sister.

## Why all the world's a stage for Princess Diana's nephew

HE HAS, to date, fathered seven children by three different wives, but Earl Spencer had eyes only for his elder son, Louis, Viscount Althorp, earlier this week.

Announcing that Louis had graduated from London's ArtsEd drama school 'with a First class degree', Spencer posted this snap on social media and added: 'A final farewell hug to his brilliant principal [Julie

Spencer, no relation]. I couldn't be prouder of him.'

Louis, 28, has coyly registered his stage name as Louis John Lyons, as I disclosed this summer.

But, as Princess Diana's nephew and the man who will one day inherit the family's 13,000-acre Althorp estate in Northamptonshire, he was surely born for a role in The Crown — as his own father, perhaps?



■ **SIX** years after we voted to Leave, the BBC is still obsessed with Brexit. This week, the Corporation's director of comedy, Jon Petrie, managed to shoehorn a mention into a screening of Charlie Brooker's new BBC Two series, Cunk On Earth. 'If you don't live in the UK, it's on Netflix,' he told the audience at the BFI Southbank in London. 'Brexit is not going to stop us exporting Cunk to the rest of the world.' Get over it, man!



# A POCKETFUL

**O**N DECEMBER 31, 2021, I posted a message on Instagram.

'Lockdown last year turned out to be a blessing in disguise, because my wife and I spent nine months, after our 38 years together, with each other every minute of the day and night, and then... had eight months together for the last months of her life, this year.

'And she said to me, just before she died, "You're going to be all right — try to find a pocketful of happiness in every single day", and I'm just so grateful for almost four decades that we had together and the gift that is our daughter. So, on that note, Happy New Year to you.'

When last I looked, it had been viewed more than a quarter of a million times and 1,748 comments were posted by friends, acquaintances and complete strangers. Whatever cynicism I'd accrued like an old crab-shell in my many years was cracked and dissolved by the compassion, kindness and love I've been engulfed by this past year.

Honouring my wife's edict became my New Year's resolution and my mantra. Whenever I waver

*'You're not sulking are you? If you are, you'd better snap out of it'*

towards the canyon of grief, Joan's instruction pings across my cranium.

Joan died in September 2021 and, two months later, I flew to South Africa to visit my 90-year-old mother whom I'd not seen for four years other than on Skype. A 12-hour flight later, I was thrilled to see her on such feisty form. Still driving, playing bridge regularly, reading five novels per week and writing summaries for a book company.

She announces that all the electricity has been accidentally cut off by a plumber who severed the wrong pipe and it's been off for two days already. As her back-up generator has now run out too, I diplomatically suggest that we book into a hotel nearby until the power is reconnected.

'Out of the question,' is her unequivocal response.

'But I've been travelling for 14 hours and would like to have a shower.'

'Boil a kettle!'

'There's no electricity!'

She won't relent. 'I'm not going to sleep in any bed other than my own.'

A pocketful of patience is what's required.

Even though I am 64 years old, it is with the greatest trepidation that I go ahead and book myself a hotel room. Her barely concealed contempt reminds me of the nine months when she refused to speak to my father in 1967, prior to their divorce.

Her capacity to silently sulk is epic and I remember my father trying every subterfuge to get a word out of her, to no avail. I was used as piggy-in-the-middle: 'Ask your father to pass me the salt/car keys/mail' — you name it.

Shortly after Joan and I coupled up, we disagreed about something and I shut off.

'You're not sulking by any chance, are you?' she said incredulously. 'Because if you are, you'd better snap right out of it, pronto presto, as I won't stand for it!'

I was so taken aback that this well-learned ploy, which had always stood me in such good stead, was being detonated that I

burst out laughing and never dared sulk with Joan ever again.

I made the mistake of chuckling in response to my mother's intransigence, remembering Joan's rebuke. Eyebrow raised, Roger Moore-style, she snapped: 'It's not funny.'

The thing about death is that after the past eight months of bearing witness to the love of my life deteriorating daily, negotiating with my mother about a hotel bed versus her own bed is funny.

I silently register that this would have made Joan cackle, which instantly reminds me that I can never share these trivialities with her ever again.

Not face to face, nor on the phone or by text, or whisper to pillow.

Yet, just the act of writing this down conjures her present again. It feels like an act of resurrection.

I began writing a diary when I was ten years old, after waking up on the back seat of a car to witness my mother bonking my father's best friend on the front seat in 1967. A sentence that can hurtle trippingly off my tongue several decades later.

But back in the last century, I couldn't tell anyone, least of all my father, or any of my friends. So I began writing in secret. Somehow it rendered the unreality real.

I've kept a diary ever since. During Joan's illness, writing was the only vestige of control I could cling on to, as each day, as her health declined, underlined how helpless we were. I wanted a record of everything we shared, 'for better

or for worse, in sickness and in health', honouring our marriage vows made on November 1, 1986.

I truly hope that my scribbles will give you an idea why I loved her so utterly and completely for 38 years. A journalist once asked me what the secret was for managing to stay together for almost four decades, especially in showbusiness, and my reply was immediate and simple. We began a conversation in 1983 and we never stopped talking, or sleeping together in the same bed.

Our marriage is the story of my adult life. Which concluded with her last earthly breath on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 7.30pm. Holding each other's hands.

## 1982

NEWLY arrived in London from my native Swaziland, I was working as a waiter at a brasserie in Covent Garden, and had just secured an acting agent, who suggested getting accent coaching. A pal told me about the Actors Centre, where you could take classes at an affordable price, so I signed up for Joan Washington's accent course. Boiler-suited, Kicker-booted and sporting a Laurie Anderson spiked haircut, she was a charismatic and

formidable presence, with a rich, deep voice that contrasted with her petite figure.

At the end of the first session, I asked if she would consider teaching me privately.

'What for?'

'To iron out my colonial accent.'

'I don't really have the time, as I'm coaching at various theatres and at RADA.'

'Please. I'm begging you!' That made her laugh. 'Please?'

She gave me the once-over, sighed and replied: 'OK.'

'Thank you! What do you charge?'

'£20 per hour.'

'But I can only afford £12...'

She fixed me with her big monkey eyes and said, 'All right — but you'll have to repay me if you ever make it.'

'Done deal! So how long do you reckon it'll take to sort me out?'

I asked.

'No more than a couple of sessions.'

I was astonished. Her innate gift, as has been reiterated by everyone lucky enough to have been taught by her, is the confidence she instilled with her belief that you can crack it.

While I was grateful that she didn't think I needed endless

*That's what Richard E. Grant's wife told him to find in every day shortly before she died.*

*Now, in a memoir celebrating 38 years of love and laughter, he recalls how she fell for a 'skinny stick insect'... and salutes her indomitable spirit*

by Richard E. Grant

coaching, I was also frustrated that after only two sessions I no longer had a legitimate reason to see her again.

She was a few years older than me, married-but-separated, and with a string of prestigious productions to her name. Indeed, such was the success of Richard Eyre's landmark National Theatre production of *Guys And Dolls* in 1982, and Joan's accent coaching, that Barbra Streisand enquired, 'Who are these American actors I've never heard of?' Which resulted in Joan being invited to coach Mittel-european accents for Streisand's directorial debut movie, *Yentl*.

I, on the other hand, was an out-of-work actor from the southern hemisphere earning a subsistence wage as a waiter. Not exactly a 'catch' of any kind — and pipe-cleaner thin.

But then in January 1983 Joan unexpectedly contacted me, asking if I'd record a script that she was coaching for the RSC, which required a Siswati speaker — 'and as you're the only person I've ever met who can speak the language, come over and I'll cook you dinner'.

We agreed a date and en route I bought a bunch of tulips, wondering if this might be inappropriate/patronising/non-her and held them behind my back when I rang the doorbell, keeping them hidden until I was inside.

'Your hand all right?'

'Yes, why d'you ask?'

'You've held it behind your back for the past five minutes.'

I blushed and offered up the tulips, which thankfully turned out to be more than acceptable.

I fired off lots of questions at Joan which she answered unreservedly and, in turn, asked me as many, which culminated in

*'We began a conversation in 1983 and we never stopped talking'*



# OF HAPPINESS



Picture: PA/ALAMY



Leading lights: Richard with Joan and daughter Olivia at a film premiere in 2006 and, above, a special hug in LA

her casually asking, 'Are you in a relationship?' while taking a casserole out of the oven.

'Not at the moment.'

She smiled. 'Let's eat first, then do the recording.'

The transition from pupil and teacher into flirter and flirtee happened seamlessly. After dinner we recorded the script, continued talking and when I checked my watch it was gone midnight, so no chance of getting to the station in time.

'Would you mind if I stayed the night in your guest bedroom, as I've missed the last Tube? My fault.'

'Sure.'

Went upstairs and she opened the door into an icebox. 'I'm sorry, but the radiator's been turned off in here. I'll get you an extra duvet.'

This pantomime lasted all of ten minutes, before I gingerly knocked on her door and said, 'I'm really sorry, but it's arctic in there. May I join you?' Got into bed and, just when I thought things were hunky-dory, she declared, 'You're as skinny as a stick-insect!' A passion-killing phrase if ever there was one...

## MONDAY, DEC 21, 2020

JOAN'S birthday. We are unabashed Christmas-aholics, and the house is baubled up, tree kissing the ceiling, and enough fairy lights to host a Tinker Bell convention. For the past week she's mentioned feeling breathless and has to pause halfway up the stairs. Nothing more than that.

Uncharacteristically, for an Aberdonian doctor's daughter who has resolutely resisted any and every encouragement to see a medic

about anything, she suggests calling our GP, a first in our marriage.

'Have you lost your sense of smell or taste?' I ask. It's the year of coronavirus.

'Don't be daft.'

Manage to get through to our local health centre and get an appointment at 5pm for a chest X-ray and blood test. Doesn't take long and she returns feeling calm and reassured. Our daughter Oilly — official name Olivia — and her

*'Formidable and charismatic with a rich, deep voice'*

partner Florian come over and help me cook birthday dinner. Candles lit, Happy Birthday sung and presents opened. Everything as familiar and familial as can be.

## TUESDAY, DEC 22

THE lung co-ordinator at our local hospital calls to say the X-ray has revealed a 'small abnormal knot in the right lung, which is likely to be residual scar tissue from when Joan had pneumonia a couple of years ago'. They want her to attend for a CT scan this evening.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC 23

AT 11am the lung co-ordinator calls again and asks to speak to

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Joan. I know instantly from the tone of her voice that the news isn't good. I hand Joan the phone.

'The CT scan has revealed a dark mass on your left lung, Joan, so we need you to go to the Marsden Hospital in Sutton for a PET scan at 8.15 tomorrow morning.'

Joan looks at me and unequivocally says: 'It's lung cancer, isn't it?'

Tongue-tied, I can only slowly nod in agreement. It's the first time that either of us has dared utter that toxic 'C' word.

## THURSDAY, DEC 24

WAKE at 6am and feel like I've spent the entire night sprinting around my own brain.

Must stay calm for Joan. Must stay calm for her, no matter what.

Drive for half an hour through deserted streets to the hospital. Ushered into a small room where a nurse injects a saline solution into Joan's arm, followed by a radiation drug that will circulate through her bloodstream, taking an hour to fully absorb, during which she has to lie still and not talk.

That's a challenge for us, as yakety-yakking is the modus operandi of our marriage. Look at one another with incredible intensity and naked tenderness.

A lung doctor tells us: 'The right lung is 95 per cent intact and it's clear to see that the left lung has a growth all over it, which is why you're experiencing such shortness of breath. You're breathing with only one lung.'

'It's also spread into your clavicle lymph nodes,' he continues. 'It could be some kind of severe infection, but is most likely to be a form of lung cancer, so I'd like to do a biopsy under local anaesthetic next week.'

We look at one another, as our whole world spins, stumbles and judders before us.

## 1984

WHEN Joan's divorce was finalised in 1984, she had told me that 'we should wait a while before moving in together'. That 'while' lasted all of a week.

Twelve months later, when I went back to Africa to see my family, it was the longest time we'd been apart since then. Desperately missing each other, we wrote to each other twice a day.

'Let's be very happy together all our lives,' wrote Joan, 'because I believe we have a very special and great love. Come home to me safely, my sweet darling... All my love, forever, Joan XXX'

'PS. You're all around me all the time. I can feel you and smell you and I quite often have talks with you out loud — as well as my constant conversation with you inside my head. I adore you, Rich. Yours now and always, Joan xxxxxxxxxxxx'

Six weeks apart convinced me that we should get married, so I bought the most expensive diamond I couldn't afford and, at 6am at Heathrow airport in January 1986, I got down on one knee, beside the luggage trolley, and proposed. She accepted.

## SATURDAY, JAN 2, 2021

JOAN helps me put away all the Christmas decorations.

In the afternoon she says that she feels very dizzy whenever she stands up, and I suggest it's probably because she doesn't have enough oxygen.

We tele-surf and settle on The Bridge On The River Kwai. The plot is very straightforward and we've both seen it before, so alarm bells start clanging when she questions what's going on.

When she goes to bed at 8pm,



Home is where the heart is: Richard and Joan relaxing at their house in the Cotswolds

she mumbles, 'I feel very disorientated' and takes a left turn into the living room. 'I don't know where I am.'

## MONDAY, JAN 4

OILLY'S 32nd birthday. The hospital says the dizziness is not due to lack of oxygen. The consultant has suggested a brain scan as soon as possible. My stomach plunge is akin to one of those mid-air pressure drops.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN 6

JOAN undergoes a 40-minute MRI brain scan. She is her perky, provocative and funnily restored self on the drive home.

## THURSDAY, JAN 7

NOON call from Wanda Cui, the Australian oncologist from the Royal Marsden cancer hospital, who speaks delicately and with immense vocal calm.

'The MRI scan has revealed lesions on the brain and there is swelling around them, which accounts for Joan's current symptoms, so I've prescribed steroids which will alleviate the pressure.'

The room turns upside down and I hear myself agreeing to everything that Wanda is saying and advising, though, in actuality, not taking in a single thing.

Yet confirmation that it's brain lesions causing her confusion is its own odd relief.

## FRIDAY, JAN 8

UNBELIEVABLY, Joan wakes up able to see properly, walk normally, talk coherently and eat a proper breakfast. Fully restored in less than 24 hours with the steroid pills.

'No matter what happens, please don't let me be alone in a hospital, Swaziboy,' pleads Joan. 'I want to be at home with you. Promise me.'

'I promise, Monkee' — even though I know that this might not be in my power to keep.

## 1986

JOAN'S faith in me never wavered, despite the fact that I had been unemployed for nine months in 1985.

The year had begun promisingly when I was cast in a BBC film alongside Adrian Edmondson, Arabella Weir and Gary Oldman.

We had also discovered that Joan was pregnant.

The pay-off for the long, debilitating workless period which followed was that a casting director saw the film and called me in to audition for Withnail And I, to play an actor riddled with frustration at being out of work for months on end. That breakthrough role single-handedly transformed my career prospects and bank account.

They had been trying to cast the part for two months and the writer and director Bruce Robinson had rejected every actor on the grounds that no one had yet made him laugh speaking his dialogue.

I read for him and bellowed 'FORK IT!', referring to matter growing in the mouldy kitchen sink. He laughed and on the basis of saying these two words 'as he'd heard them in his head', I was called back to audition with other actors, after which I was finally offered the role.

My co-star Paul McGann and I, both being movie first-timers, were given two weeks of rehearsal. At the end of the first week, Joan went into premature labour.

We hurtled through the morning traffic to the hospital and our daughter Tiffany was born, but tragically only lived for half an hour. Her lungs were too underdeveloped to survive. It felt as though this euphoric life and

career-defining role came at the most heartbreaking price imaginable.

JOAN was asked to coach Christopher Lambert on The Sicilian and escaped to Italy. She was not keen to go but it seemed better to be abroad while I was filming on location in Cumbria than to be alone at home with a baby's room that has no infant.

I felt incredibly insecure playing this lead role, especially as I'm allergic to alcohol and Withnail is in a near-perpetual state of drunkenness. Bruce insisted that I get drunk the night before the final day of rehearsal 'in order to have a chemical memory' to draw upon, which I somehow managed to do.

I threw up throughout the night, topping up on more drink at the studio the next morning, until I finally passed out midway through the rehearsal, to the delight of Bruce and Paul.

My £20,000 pay cheque for Withnail was more money than I'd earned in my entire professional career and, the moment the film wrapped, we set a wedding date for November 1, 1986.

Joan decided that we should cater our own wedding party at home — for 80 people. Everyone thought we were nuts, but Joan persuasively argued that as she

was a good cook, it was her act of friendship for our guests.

## MONDAY, JAN 11, 2021

THE hours until our appointment with the oncologist stretch ahead in an infinity of excruciation. Cannot imagine what Joan must be feeling like. Drive as sedately as possible to the hospital for 3.15pm. Oilly isn't allowed in, but can listen on speakerphone. Once inside, we wait for a further hour. The longest of our lives.

Wanda Cui finally arrives and ushers us into a room. She apologises profusely for the delay, then calmly delivers the atom bomb diagnosis: Stage 4 lung cancer.

Never have I dreaded or loathed a number so instantaneously as this one. Closely followed by the word 'spread'...

To the lymph nodes. To the adrenal glands. To the brain.

A Catherine wheel of information. Flaring and firing in every direction. With Joan's permission, I dare ask, 'How long?'

Wanda answers with, 'That's a very good question. If you're sure you want to know, understanding that this isn't an exact science...'

'Yes, please. Tell us.'

'At best, 12 to 18 months. Or less.'

The room tips in on itself as our world spins off its axis. Hurtling. Freefalling.

Words compete for attention — radiation/statistics/scans/terminal/blood tests/immunotherapy/combined/with chemotherapy/steroids/terminal — zoning in and out. Joan is devastated. All three of us, utterly devastated. Poleaxed.

Drive home blurry-eyed and blinking. Sucker-punched by a tidal wave of grief.

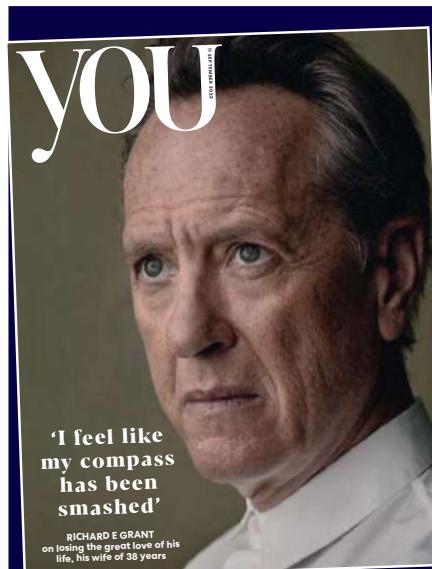
## TUESDAY, JAN 12

CHAOTIC day of disbelief and discord. Joan is very chipper — in contrast to Oilly and me, lurching in and out of tears. Even though we hesitantly anticipated what the diagnosis might be, *nothing* has properly prepared us for the head-and-heart-exploding overwhelm of it all. While Joan naps, Oilly and I email and message all our friends. No sooner sent, than our news is reciprocated by a cyber-avalanche of love, shock, disbelief and compassion.

## SATURDAY, JAN 16

POURING rain. Nigella Lawson WhatsApps that she's booked a cab to deliver a home-made rice dish, a cake and her latest cookbook, which arrives accompanied by an incredibly loving dedication and generous note.

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**by Paul  
Bracchi**

**T**HE scene which greets you on the corner of Morgan Street in East London has become all-too familiar in towns and cities across Britain.

Outside a row of terraced town houses, tied to the railings are balloons, flowers, cards and handwritten notes. One reads: 'You are funny, caring, loving, silly, cool and kind. You did not deserve to die.'

These words refer to 17-year-old Shea Gordon. It was here at this very spot, in the early hours of last Sunday, that the straight-A student's life slowly ebbed away after he was stabbed in the neck.

For 45 desperate minutes, paramedics battled to save him.

The medical team could be heard counting '1, 2, 1, 2' as they pounded the teenager's chest to administer CPR.

Shea was eventually airlifted to hospital where he was pronounced dead just before 2am. Blood on the pavement — just a short stroll from Tredegar Square, one of the finest Georgian plazas in London — was still visible more than 24 hours later.

Shea's death, in a corner of the capital where homes sell for nearly £2million, has heightened fears in the local community that no one is safe any more and no neighbourhood is immune from the savagery which is infecting too many areas of the country.

Surely there can be no more chilling proof than what happened to Shea; it was more than just a knife attack.

The fatal stabbing, in a gentrified conservation area, not far from Mile End tube station, followed a mass brawl involving up to 100

*The presence of so many friends is testament to just how loved he was*

people, and at the centre of the melee were machete-wielding thugs in balaclavas. It was a war zone.

The loss of such a young life is always a tragedy but the past also tells us that teenagers who are killed in such circumstances can also be part of the problem.

Was Shea part of the problem?

'I put my hand on my heart and say Shea was not in a gang,' insisted his grandmother, who has spent hours at the roadside floral shrine together with other members of his family and closest friends.

'I would tell you if he was. A 100 per cent, he is not in a gang. If he had been in a gang I would say because I don't see why mothers and grandparents should hide it.'

Shea, who lived with his mother and had four younger brothers and a sister, was highly academic.

He told everyone he wanted to get into the property business when he left college. He had dreams of being an entrepreneur. 'He was a good boy,' his great-grandmother added softly.

The presence of so many relatives and friends gathered at the spot where he collapsed and died is testament to just how loved he was.

Shea had travelled from his home in Enfield, north London, to attend an 18th birthday party last Saturday at a Pentecostal church

in Bow, just a few yards from where he would bleed to death.

'He went to the party on his own,' his grandmother told me. 'He had told his friends he didn't want to go but then he changed his mind.'

'He had been invited by the girl whose party it was.'

Her grandson, she said, was on the guest list. It is an important point to stress.

Trouble erupted, the police said, after 'a number of uninvited persons' gate-crashed the function.

Those are the bare facts which

culminated in the brutal attack on Shea shortly after midnight and also left an 18-year-old in a critical condition in hospital with head injuries.

But there is, not unsurprisingly, a disturbing back story to this chain of events. A report by council youth violence coordinators revealed that Tower Hamlets, where Shea was attacked, has, in recent years, endured some of London's highest levels of 'gang flagged offences'.

Gang members were among the

youngest in the city, the briefing document said, stabbings by offenders aged under 25 were prevalent, and heroin and crack cocaine dealing was rife in the borough.

Police usually need a 'reasonable suspicion' to stop and search an individual.

But in the aftermath of the brawl a Section 60 was issued allowing officers to stop and search without suspicion because they believed there were still 'persons armed with weapons' in the vicinity and

they were worried about reprisals. Discarded machetes and knives were later found under parked cars in the streets around the former Holy Trinity Church, now occupied by Epainos Ministries, part of the New Testament Church of God, where the party was held.

Being refused entry to the building might have been the catalyst for the mayhem, but few believe it was the real reason for the wanton lawlessness.

Shortly before all hell broke loose, a very large crowd was

# A masked machete gang storming an 18th birthday party in a church. A pitched battle between 100 youths. And a straight-A student's life bleeding away in the road...







**Daylight thuggery: A machete-wielding gang member during an attack in Hyde Park last year. And above, teenager Shea Gordon, from Enfield, who was fatally stabbed last week in the street outside a party in London's Mile End**

spotted heading for the church. One witness said he had never seen so many people 'marching, not walking' up the road.

They were 'masked up' and some had machetes, leaving him in little doubt that 'they had come for an attack'. Why else would they be primed for battle?

The scene the witness described had echoes of Stanley Kubrick's portrayal of 'ultra violence' in a dystopian, futuristic Britain in his cult 1970s film *A Clockwork Orange*.

Rumours circulating suggested a gang from Aberfeldy in neighbouring Poplar were in the E3 postcode, which covers Bow, on the night in question.

One of their rivals, it is said, is a gang from the Roman Road area, a main artery running through the heart of Bow. Gangs from those areas were certainly highlighted in the report by the council youth violence coordinators.

The Roman Road crew is — or at least was — called RBS: Roman Blood Shedderz. Others in Tower Hamlets included the IOD (Isle of Dogs Boys), DRF (Devons Road

Family), Globe Town Massive, JSM (Jubilee Street Massive) and S Block.

Tit-for-tat reprisals are endemic: entering a rival's territory or 'dissing' another gang in so-called drill rap videos have triggered mindless outbreaks of violence.

Even a petty dispute over a belt resulted in a virtual field hospital being set up next to a children's play area in Camberwell, South London a few years ago to treat the wounded.

The upmarket enclave around the New Testament Church of God has, until now anyway, escaped many of the problems that have plagued the rest of Tower Hamlets — a borough with the highest child poverty rate in Britain — where there were an average of 40 knife crimes a month last year.

Suspected gang activity in this once peaceful quarter, however, has reared its head in recent months. Khaitee Mills, manager of the nearby Morgan Arms, has now been told by the police not to speak to the Press, but in an interview with MyLondon website, she said: 'There have been a couple of

instances where two or three young kids have come to hide in the back of the pub.

'They [were being followed] by some of the guys with balaclava face coverings on bikes, hanging

***She opened her door to see the air ambulance 'parked' outside***

around outside looking for them. Eventually, they dispersed and the kids left.'

The teenagers, who looked 14 or 15, told her that if they went outside they 'would be stabbed'.

'We tried to communicate with them, but they'd just say "we don't want to talk, just need to hide".

It made me feel uneasy. But,

obviously we have a duty to protect people.'

Several days ago, one of the boys she had given refuge to had his bike stolen.

'Two guys on their bikes, who were proper adults, not youths, came across and knocked him off his bike and then went off with it,' said Miss Mills, who fears the incident may be connected to the most recent explosion of violence.

People began arriving for the party, on foot and by car, at around 8pm. Security guards checked tickets at the back entrance of the church, in Lichfield Road.

It is unclear when those who did not have a ticket gatecrashed the event.

But sometime after midnight the screaming started. How many people got caught up in the confrontation? 50? 70?

Possibly as many as 100, by all accounts — a number of whom had deadly weapons.

'Stay with me, stay with me,' friends of Shea Gordon could be heard telling him, trying to keep him conscious, amid the chaos after he had been stabbed.

Shea managed to stagger several hundred yards before collapsing outside Anne Penketh's house.

'I heard screaming but I did not think there was anything serious going on until I heard the police sirens,' said Anne, a crime writer, and the former diplomatic editor of the Independent newspaper.

When she opened the door, she saw a figure lying across the pavement with paramedics around him. The London air ambulance was 'parked' in the street. 'It was shocking,' said Miss Penketh.

The notice authorising the police to use additional stop and search powers in the aftermath of the fatal stabbing was posted on the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Watch Association.

It is not the first time police had been granted such powers in Tower Hamlets.

July 3: *Section 60 notice issued* after a 16-year-old boy was hospitalised with potentially life-changing injuries which appeared to be 'gang-related' and the risk of revenge attacks was 'substantial'.

July 19: *Section 60 notice issued* after a 16-year-old boy was

repeatedly stabbed by a gang armed with machetes.

August 12: *Section 60 notice issued* covering three postcodes — E1, E3 [which includes the streets where the machete brawl broke out] and E4 — after eight separate reports in the space of 90 minutes of people fighting with knives, axes or weapons.

The increasing prevalence of machetes in such confrontations is especially disturbing.

In June last year, onlookers in Hyde Park were horrified to witness a machete-wielding gang set upon a youth in broad daylight. A 17-year-old was later said to have recovered from the injuries sustained in the royal park.

Figures released under Freedom of Information laws from police forces in England and Wales show machete-related offences have doubled in two years.

They were used in 1,364 crimes in November and December last year, compared with 664 for the same period in 2019, and an almost six-fold increase on the 229 in those two months in 2014.

The true figure is even higher as the Met, the country's biggest force, did not provide statistics.

It can't be just a coincidence that gang-related violence has coincided with the closure of so many police stations. Front desks in many stations, including one in Bow, have also been shut to allow more officers to be deployed on neighbourhood patrols.

The bottom line, however, is that the police have become invisible in most neighbourhoods.

By the end of the week, more flowers and notes had been left on the pavement outside Anne Penketh's house in Morgan Street where Shea Gordon collapsed.

One from his auntie said: 'You made us all so proud. You were everything.'

Two hours after Shea was stabbed to death in mass brawl, a man was shot dead in an affluent part of west London.

Haven't we now arrived in the dystopian future portrayed in *A Clockwork Orange*?

■ **ADDITIONAL reporting:** Tim Corkett and Tim Stewart



# Escape

by NICK REDMAN

**G**ETTING insider knowledge on the pretty little Greek port of Loutro from Dave was a stroke of luck. He's the kind of tourist you really want to cross paths with — a chatty English holidaymaker who visits this blue-and-white fishing village in rural southern Crete every year.

Dave is right to say that Crete is a beautiful 'last blast of sun' destination, staying hot well into October. How could it fail? It's the southernmost major holiday island in Greece. EasyJet and BA fly here until late in the season.

Dave knows his onions when it comes to eating out, recommending the delicious — and affordable — moussaka at The Old Phoenix. And that's just for starters.

'Go to Stratis, behind the church,' he tells me, when we next bump into each other. 'It's the best food in Loutro. They barbecue the chicken souvlaki in front of you — and they do the best chips in Greece.'

The food from the grill is juicy and this family run restaurant is generous with the orange cheesecake as well as the free raki.

As the day fades to pink then grey over the horseshoe harbour I think, 'Why doesn't everyone come here?' Then I think, 'What a relief so few do.'

It is uncrowded and so devoid of high-rise package hotels — rather like the Mediterranean of 30 or 40 years ago.

**L**OUTRO is one of a string of unspoilt hamlets and isolated strands along a 20-mile stretch of the South-West coast. It isn't a place for culture cravers, so don't come for historic sites or museums. You're here for a holiday filled with transparent shallows, unfussy tavernas and lurid sunsets that will make you feel carefree and 25 again.

So where's the catch? There isn't one. It's just that this part of Crete can't be developed easily — sheer flanks fall away to the sea, leaving practically no room for roads or resorts, just little time-warp beach towns served by boats and ferries.

Fly to Chania rather than Heraklion and hop on a bus (£15) south.

In an hour and 45 minutes, after a final Scalextric descent from the Lefka Ori (White Mountains — the spine of western Crete), the tiny port town of Hora Sfakion emerges. Here my odyssey begins. The waterfront restaurants are

happy but not hectic. I have two days here, although I could live here for a year — double-balconied rooms at Samaria By The Sea cost £90 a night and have fridges for Mythos beers bought at a mini-market.

Trissi, the cove here, is reached by steep steps, with rental loungers to laze away the days. It has a blue swell that, after an hour's swimming, makes me hungry.

Time to hit the Three Brothers taverna, framed by pink rhododendrons, above the beach. The Greek salad has a whole paving slab of delicious feta.

When I move on to Loutro, I stay just around the headland at The Old Phoenix, walking back over the eerie promontory for nightcaps

beside Loutro's harbour waters. The Old Phoenix is a fairly unreconstructed *pensione*, but it's perfection for the price: family run, intimate and presiding over its own deep, silent bay, with kayaks you can take out.

Hikers walking the southern coastal path check in — doubles start at £50, or £45 if you pay cash — and breakfast toast with honey on the terrace is a rarefied moment; ditto dinner, under a Biro-blue sky with stars.

Tiny motorboats call in to take guests west for 20 minutes to Marmara beach, with its aquarium-clear, bouldery shallows; or east, to Sweetwater, where nearly the only signs of life are the goats — and Yorgos, who runs the

informal Mermaid Taverna, set over the water.

I couldn't feel further from the luxury resorts of the north as I sit here peacefully beside the Libyan Sea, with North Africa over the horizon. I feel almost sorry to be heading further west tomorrow to Sougia, and the end of my trip.

I needn't have worried. The 90-minute voyage there is a breezy break in itself, on a flat-bottomed multi-deck car ferry.

I buy a chilled beer and crack it open as the shoreline changes. Here and there, Orthodox churches cling to rocks, tiny and pastel-pale as Mr Kipling French Fancies. Now and then we shudder into a small port.

At Agia Roumeli, hot and

bothered hikers throw themselves into the cooling shallows. Finally, we reach Sougia. The owners of my white, cubic apartment leave free wine and raki in the fridge, and I lie in before rising for long, cool swims off the beach.

There are sea-bass lunches and wine-laced conversations with guests at the next table. We agree never to tell a soul about this stretch of southern Crete. Oops, too late. I just have.

## TRAVEL FACTS

SUNVIL ([sunvil.co.uk](http://sunvil.co.uk)) has seven nights' self-catering in Loutro from £1,156pp, based on two sharing, including flights from Gatwick on October 18, 2022.



Uncrowded: Loutro and, top, a taverna

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## Dear Reader

WHAT struck me outside Buckingham Palace yesterday was the number of people from overseas laying flowers and bowing their heads in respect for the Queen.

Black, Asian, Middle Eastern; Arabs and Jews; Christians, Muslims, Hindus; Americans, Australians, Japanese. One couple told me they were due to fly back to Canada today but felt compelled to stay longer.

Queen of the World sounds trite, but that doesn't make it any less valid. She was more widely travelled than any leader of any era, visiting places such as New Zealand (pictured). Travel for many of us means

holidays, a chance to let off steam. For the Queen, it was about meeting people on behalf of the nation, spreading goodwill and, in many cases, blazing a trail. She was a globetrotting sovereign.

In 1961, she became the first British monarch to visit India since her grandfather, George V, 50 years earlier and, despite the controversies of the Partition of India, more than a million people turned out to greet her in New Delhi.

Likewise, she was welcomed warmly on a state visit to Germany in 1965 — the first to that country by a member of the Royal Family since before World War I.

What also moved me was how many young people were walking slowly down Constitution Hill towards the Palace:

teenagers, mothers with babies, twenty and thirty-somethings on their way to work. No one had told them to be there.

During her long life, the Queen had the chance to see the world's greatest sights. She peered up at great mountains and stood on the banks of great rivers.

Yesterday, a river of affection and gratitude was flowing through the country — and will continue to do so in the coming days. Most of us will never see the like of it again.

Mark Palmer  
TRAVEL EDITOR





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Cancun	£446 <sup>#</sup>	£1,703 <sup>◊</sup>	Singapore	£632 <sup>†</sup>	£3,100 <sup>†</sup>	Perth	£986 <sup>#</sup>	£3,796 <sup>^</sup>
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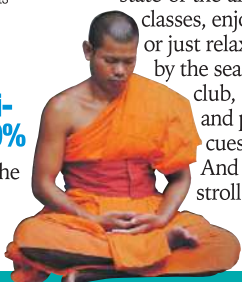
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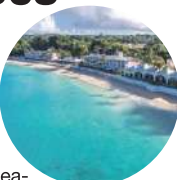
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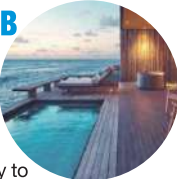


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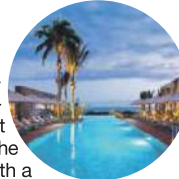


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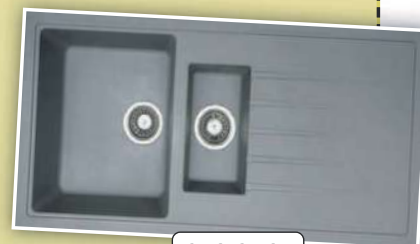
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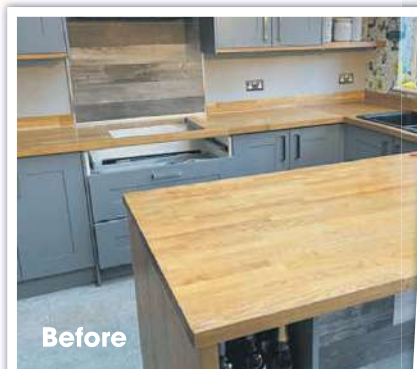
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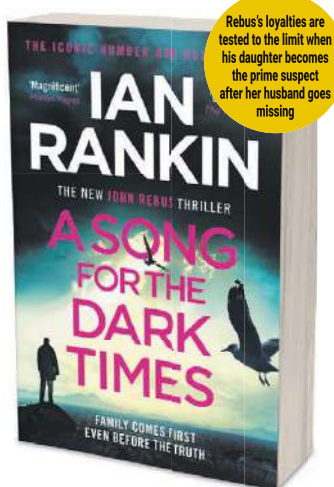
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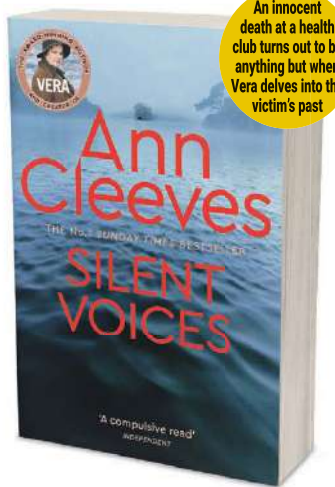
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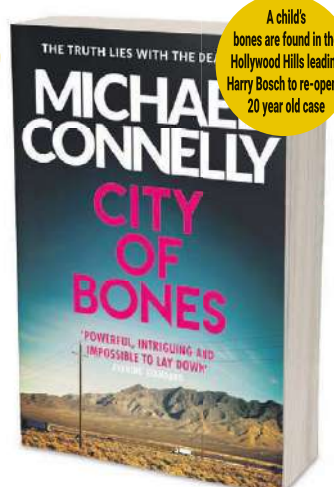
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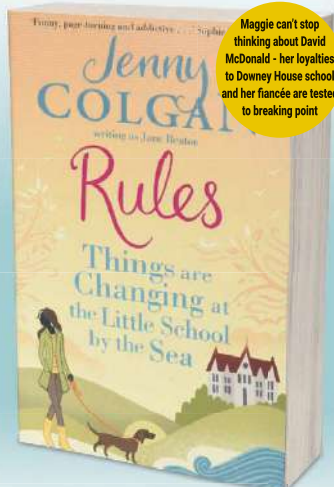
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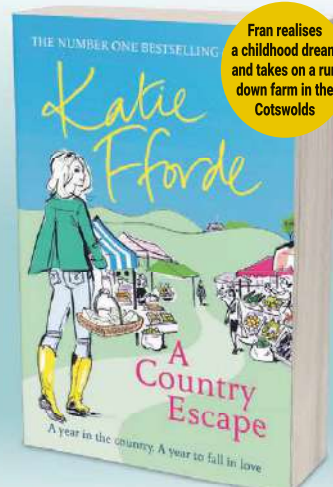


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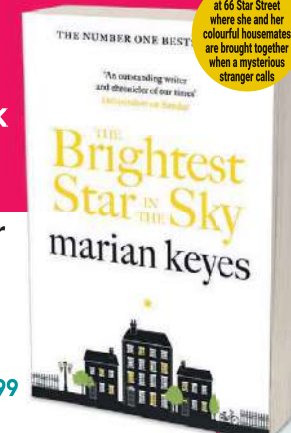
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# Jeep's all-electric leap



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**T**HE first fully electric Jeep will be unveiled as the off-road giant born during World War II launches an eco offensive.

The new zero-emissions Avenger SUV with a range of 250 miles is set to make its debut at the Paris Motor Show on October 17 with reservations opening for customers that same day. First UK showroom deliveries will commence at the beginning of next year, with prices expected at between £35,000 and £40,000.

With a name that echoes the big-screen superhero team — or for British fans of a certain vintage, the suave John Steed and accomplices including Mrs Emma Peel — Jeep said the new Avenger will be positioned under the Renegade and be produced in Tychy, Poland.

It promises a modern, technologically advanced interior, with plenty of people and cargo space.

The car is one of four all-electric SUVs to be launched in North America and Europe by 2025, with Jeep bosses promising that 50 per cent of sales in the U.S. and all sales in Europe will

be battery-electric vehicles by 2030.

Antonella Bruno, head of Jeep Europe at parent company Stellantis, said: 'The all-new Avenger will offer Jeep brand capability that is rightsized for the European market.'

Two more fully-electric 4x4s were also unveiled — the Jeep Recon and Wagoneer S — which will be launched first in North

America before arriving in Europe and the rest of the world.

The Wagoneer S has already raised eyebrows for its uncanny resemblance to Land Rover rival the Range Rover Sport. Powered by electric motors developing a mighty 600hp, it's expected to accelerate from rest to 60mph in just 3.5 seconds, with an average range of up to

400 miles. The range consists of the Cherokee, Compass, Gladiator, Grand Cherokee, Renegade and Wrangler.

The original Jeep was a military scout vehicle built for the U.S. war department from 1941 by Willys-Overland. It became the workhorse 4x4 of U.S. and Allied forces during World War II, from the Normandy beachheads to the Far East.



**Moving on:** The Avenger, latest in a long line, but the first battery-only model

**NEW** Transport Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan starts her job with a bursting inbox and lobby groups vying for her attention.

The Berwick MP's arrival has raised hopes in the North-East that the long overdue upgrade of the A1 through Northumberland en route to Edinburgh — for which she has campaigned — will finally get under way.

The AA's top priorities include safer roads, a reform of 'smart' motorways, more electric vehicle charging points and incentives to switch to electric cars, fixing potholed roads, more traffic police, transparency of fuel pricing, more park and ride, a better deal for motorists facing rip-off parking fines, and a speedier rollout of in-car assisted driving technology to help reduce collisions.

Road safety charity IAM RoadSmart highlighted drug-driving, e-scooter regulation and older drivers among the areas where it would like the new minister to focus.



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J27 AGS	£550	S333 ASH	£1600	W7 BRY	£850	K9 DAN	£3300	J11 DUN	£850
P28 AGS	£850	ER ASJ	£650	J28 BRY	£750	K121 DAN	£1400	I053 DW	£2500
J21 AIC	£550	J26 ASH	£650	N33 BRY	£650	L321 DAN	£1300	J321 DYI	£650
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J21 AJH	£750	AS2 IBS	£650	L70 BUG	£650	J23 DAR	£650	J11 EAN	£750
MI AJJ	£1900	574 ATC	£1500	J27 BUL	£650	J26 DAS	£650	EAR L8	£2800
JO AJJ	£650	R4 ATE	£750	J26 BUS	£650	L31 DAS	£750	J21 EAR	£650
J2 AJK	£1100	B8 ATR	£750	J26 BUT	£750	G15 DAV	£850	C6 EAK	£950
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R90 ALF	£1100	L31 AVY	£750	R21 CAN	£650	P77 DEB	£2100	48 EJJJ	£1200
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K4 ALG	£850	F6 BAB	£1400	CAR 20K	£1300	J28 DEC	£650	J25 ELA	£850
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C9 ALK	£950	W9 BAG	£650	L29 CAR	£850	E20 DEE	£1900	L1 ELE	£2600
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K25 ALY	£1400	F9 BAS	£950	L28 CAW	£650	P23 DEE	£1100	D8 ELS	£2700
J26 AMC	£750	J28 BAT	£650	G9 CEE	£1300	C20 DEK	£750	K24 ELJ	£650
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J27 AMP	£650	K54 BEC	£1200	J27 CJW	£650	DES 48C	£1300	K24 ERN	£850
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J24 AMS	£1300	P31 BEE	£650	J121 CKO	£1300	R10 DEV	£1300	K24 ERR	£850
N333 AMS	£650	K24 BEK	£650	M28 CLA	£650	W33 DEV	£650	K121 ERR	£650
J28 AND	£1200	U16 BEL	£750	C15 CLK	£950	4261 DG	£2100	J28 ERY	£650
X40 AND	£1400	K21 BEL	£1100	CLK 767	£1500	864 DHK	£650	N21 ESS	£650
J8 ANG	£2200	BEL 70K	£950	J27 CLR	£650	DIS 761	£1300	J321 ESS	£1400
F10 ANG	£1400	J23 BEL	£850	J27 CLS	£650	DIG 441	£750	J231 ESS	£1100
L21 ANG	£1900	S15 BEN	£2900	M10 CMB	£750	D19 J44	£2700	W4 ESY	£1000
J31 ANG	£1700	J29 BEN	£1900	C23 CMC	£650	J23 DJB	£850	B5 ESY	£1000

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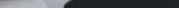
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J25 NAY	\$650	998 PPO	\$1200	RON 87R	\$1500	J13 SMS	\$650	N8 TOP	\$650
K28 NDY	\$650	L8 POT	\$750	S333 RON	\$850	K2 SMT	\$1300	J121 TOP	\$650
W8 NED	\$1900	K1 POW	\$650	X400 RON	\$750	D8 SMT	\$1400	66 PTH	\$850
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K31 NEL	\$650	M5 PST	\$650	W16 ROS	\$850	K28 SON	\$650	K28 THY	\$650
L28 NES	\$650	J21 RAB	\$750	J44 ROS	\$280	G10 SRH	\$750	K12 TTS	\$750
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J21 NGO	\$750	S40 RAE	\$650	J21 ROX	\$650	J31 SSA	\$1100	TU5 27	\$1700
J28 NJH	\$650	J26 RAF	\$750	M10 ROY	\$1400	K31 SSO	\$850	TV 5208	\$2300
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J21 OCK	\$750	V14 RAY	\$1300	K3 RUT	\$650	B152 SUE	\$1200	UNV I	\$1350
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OEN 74	\$1900	T26 RAY	\$1400	J25 RYN	\$750	M21 SUN	\$750	V13 VAL	\$1500
IOE 558	\$1500	S29 RAY	\$1600	J123 RYN	\$650	R21 SUN	\$650	C14 VAL	\$1400
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J31 ORD	\$850	RE 1896	\$1800	J1 RYS	\$750	R6 SUS	\$850	VAL I49	\$3100
J11 ORD	\$750	J12 RED	\$1100	K31 SAC	\$650	SW 4331	\$3400	E13 VAN	\$1800
R29 OSY	\$1500	W27 REG	\$750	T7 SAF	\$1500	TAD 945	\$1400	H17 VAN	\$750
P34 OTB	\$1600	L111 REG	\$750	B4 SAG	\$1500	J21 TAF	\$1900	6648 VB	\$1300
E5 OUL	\$1750	REM L2	\$2100	L10 SAL	\$1500	N24 TAL	\$950	VHK 329	\$750
J28 OUL	\$1300	G9 REM	\$1200	J12 SAL	\$1400	F17 TAM	\$1400	VHJ 374	\$750
J28 OYL	\$950	W12 REN	\$1300	K29 SAL	\$1200	J19 TAM	\$650	M21 VON	\$850
J28 OYA	\$950	J28 REN	\$650	L31 SAL	\$1300	J26 TAM	\$850	K31 VOS	\$750
K31 OYB	\$650	T60 REN	\$650	V45 SAL	\$2100	P33 TAM	\$850	VT 453	\$750
J23 PAB	\$650	T555 REV	\$950	L17 SAN	\$650	J11 TAP	\$1500	386 VY	\$4500
S4 PAC	\$1100	85 RE	\$13500	J27 SAS	\$650	A18 TAP	\$650	J25 WAD	\$650
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E8 PAM	\$1600	L3 RJG	\$950	J26 SCH	\$650	G15 TAY	\$1300	V3 WAL	\$1500
C10 PAM	\$1400	96 RJH	\$1400	M9 SEC	\$1200	G6 TEC	\$1300	W44 477	\$1500
PS PAM	\$1500	L26 RJH	\$650	R23 SEC	\$650	X40 TED	\$850	7740 WB	\$650
K33 PAM	\$1300	RJ1 RES	\$550	L3 SEL	\$1200	T84 TED	\$1200	M18 WEB	\$750
G37 PAM	\$1400	RJ1 988	\$950	L31 SEL	\$650	TED 879	\$2200	K21 WEB	\$750
79 PAM	\$5500	D1 RJR	\$650	W9 SEN	\$1200	W900 TED	\$650	J30 WEB	\$650
J24 PAR	\$750	K21 RJR	\$650	M21 SEN	\$650	S19 TEE	\$650	X40 WENZ4	\$1400
L44 PAR	\$750	C18 RKC	\$250	J23 SEN	\$1700	Y11 TEL	\$650	D15 WES	\$650
J28 PAS	\$650	K24 RKS	\$650	M21 SES	\$850	M19 TEL	\$850	V17 WES	\$650
7 PAT	\$2400	N1 4807	\$1800	J28 SES	\$1500	M19 TEL	\$950	W16 WES	\$650
J29 PAT	\$650	W8 RMB	\$750	J1 SES	\$750	T50 TER	\$643	W11 WIZ	\$750
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D48 PAT	\$1300	J31 RMC	\$750	SGZ 127	\$750	TER 643	\$1600	W11 2448	\$650
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# AN AWESOME AUTUMN

A late flush of colour revives borders and is a boost for bees



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**A** FRIEND once asked which was my favourite month. Without hesitation I said, 'September'. Nature turns green to gold this month. But after the sweltering summer, our reviving gardens are creating a second spring.

Some of the year's finest perennials are coming out now. Some of those will last until November. Autumn flower colours are rich and mellow, enhanced by softer light and backed by the russets and gold of autumn foliage.

Late-flowering daisies in purples, blues and pinks contrast with rusty heleniums and yellow rudbeckias. Summer pots, too, develop a second wind if watered and fed. Potted begonias, lobelias and pelargoniums could flower

until November. There are autumn bulbs to enjoy now, as well — from huge, untidy *crinums* and long-stemmed *nerines* to leafless *colchicums* and for later, yellow *sternbergias*.

Colours of autumn bulbs include shades of pink or lilac-mauve, as well as white.

Clean blues come from New World salvias and curious, coppery-leaved leadwort *Cerato-stigma plumbaginoides*.

Late flowering plants are also

valuable to bees, butterflies and other nectar-seeking insects. Many need extra sustenance for successful hibernation.

## GOLDEN GLORY

**IF YOUR** garden looks tired, with stressed lawns, shabby containers and disappointing borders, don't despair. The changing season will help to fix that.

Nights are growing longer and cooler. Mornings usually have

heavy dews turning your lawns to silver.

Plants react amazingly quickly. Previously stressed plants could produce new shoots and fresh buds.

Late-flowering salvias such as kingfisher-blue *Salvia uliginosa* and dark navy *S. guaranitica* also flower this month. Non-hardy *S. patens* finds a second wind, now, with a burst of blue, hook-shaped flowers.

Blue flowers team with silver-



Royal tribute: Perennial sunflower *Helianthus* Lemon Queen is an autumn delight

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leaved plants such as feathery *Artemisia absinthium*, or *Eryngium Silver Ghost*.

*Perovskia* combines blue flower spikes with its own silver leaves.

If your garden seems short of flowers, plant more late bloomers. Some, like perennial sunflowers *Helianthus*, are at their best. Colours run from the vibrant yellow Monarch to the slightly paler Lemon Queen.

## DAISIES RULE

**IN MOST** gardens, the daisy family leads an autumn show. Summer varieties such as rudbeckias and echinaceas still have weeks to run.

But as they age, Michaelmas daisies and chrysanthemums are budding now.

The names can be misleading. Michaelmas daisies used to be *Aster* but many are now called *Symphotrichum*. Despite the confusion, variety names have stayed the same.

Sadly, many Michaelmas daisy varieties are susceptible to mildew. Luckily, there are resistant varieties such as shimmering blue, mid-height *S. Little Carlow* and silvery *S. Oktoberlicht*.

*Colchicums* are among the first bulbs to bloom in September, followed by true crocuses such as *C. speciosus*.

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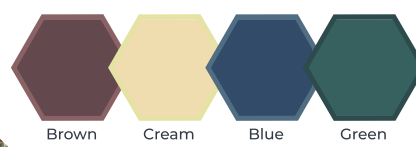
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# Dollar showing its mettle

ONE of the greatest changes of Queen Elizabeth II's reign is the speed of communications.

In global finance, as the writer Michael Lewis has chronicled in his book *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt*, traders now think in milliseconds.

Analysts and economic thinkers have more time, but there is still a tendency to hit the send button on Twitter without proper context. So it has been for sterling in recent weeks as the country has gone through a period of intense political uncertainty during which the pound's vulnerability has been interpreted as evidence of grave crisis.

Liz Truss's reshaped Tory government acted quickly to staunch the wound. It opted for growth over fiscal orthodoxy, sacrificing the Treasury's top mandarin Tom Scholar in the process. It has targeted money at the problem of energy prices, with a £100bn or more safety net for household incomes.

That in itself takes a scythe to headline inflation, of potentially 4pc to 5pc, and will ease the squeeze on real incomes and the depth of

**Alex Brummer**

CITY EDITOR



the potential recession. The pound has bounced to \$1.16 against the dollar – averting its 1985 low point – in spite of the Bank putting off its interest rate decision until September 22 in line with national mourning.

As a freely floating currency, with no anchor to other trading blocs, the pound (which will soon have the new face of King Charles III on the notes), offers easy prey to speculators. Former Bank of England governor Mark Carney's observation that the pound's

exchange rate is dependent on the 'kindness of strangers' had a nice ring. It is not as simple as that as sterling is anchored by the fact that, for all its faults, the UK is still much beloved by Middle-Eastern oil potentates and Hong Kong and Singaporean investors.

All those visits the King made to the Middle-East have not been without reward. A ride down the race course at Royal Ascot with the monarch is still much valued by Dubai.

**W**HAT the currency markets are going through at present is not a sterling crisis, as in 1976, but one of those moments when everyone loves the dollar. The parallel is with 1985 when the G5 (later to become the G7 with the addition of Canada and Italy) met at the Plaza in New York in a concerted effort to knock the value of the dollar down.

The weakness of sterling, and other major traded currencies, was simply a corollary of the greenback's strength. The current dollar renaissance, which has seen it climb by 20pc against a basket of global currencies in

the past year, is not hard to explain. The Federal Reserve has hit the interest rate tool harder and faster than the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan and the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

As importantly, while much of the world is struggling with climate change transition and the impact of the Ukraine war, the US sits on a continent of fossil fuels. Since 2019 it has been net fuel exporter for the first time since 1952 – coincidentally the year of Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

The US government has a key advantage. The dollar remains the world's unchallenged reserve currency. Efforts by governments to diversify reserves by holding yen, euros or China's renminbi largely have failed.

America has the extreme privilege of being able to issue dollar debt without fear of a shortage of customers. As technology moves on, a trusted, digitally created global stable coin might dislodge dollar supremacy.

The pound cannot compete. But it is possible that if the UK could rediscover energy independence – a goal of the Prime Minister – it could become a petro-renewables currency to be trusted again.

## After a week of turmoil for Britain...

# Twin boost as sterling and Footsie rally

THE London market rallied at the end of a turbulent week that saw a Prime Minister take office and the death of the Queen.

As the stock exchange said trading would carry on as normal, the FTSE100 index rose 1.2pc, or 89.01 points, to 7351.07 and the FTSE250 gained 1.6pc, or 309.74 points, to 19188.03.

Sterling was also on the rise against the dollar as the mighty greenback took a breather from its recent charge higher. Having hit a 37-year low of \$1.1406 on Wednesday, the pound rose as high as \$1.1647 before easing.

The twin rallies on stock and currency markets came at the end of a week that saw the death of Queen Elizabeth II days after Liz Truss succeed Boris Johnson as Prime Minister.

City figures said the mood in the Square Mile was subdued as the nation – and the world – came to terms with the Queen's death.

Phillip Wale, chief executive at stock broker WH Ireland, said: 'Everybody feels numb on the trading floor. We have had some client meetings but to be honest nobody has talked about stocks and shares. It is a sombre day but business goes on. The stock mar-

ket and the pound has shown some resilience.'

Adam Pollock, director at wealth manager Oberon Investments, added: 'A very sad day. In the spirit of the Royal Family the show must go on.'

The London Stock Exchange said it would stay open during the official period of mourning, but will close on the day of the funeral as it is expected to be a public holiday.

But while the stock market remains open, the Bank of England postponed next week's

■ **EUROPEANS will be 'poorer for longer' unless inflation is controlled, an EU finance minister has warned.**

'We acknowledge and we agree that we must reduce inflation,' said Paschal Donohoe, the Irish chairman of eurozone finance ministers. 'The failure to do so will make our citizens, the people of Europe, poorer for longer.'

It came as eurozone finance ministers agreed to act to protect households and firms from soaring energy prices.

crucial meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee that sets interest rates.

The panel – led by governor Andrew Bailey – was widely expected to announce another hike in interest rates on Thursday as it steps up its fight against sky-high inflation. The Bank was tipped to raise rates by another 0.5 percentage points – taking them from 1.75pc to 2.25pc – although an even bigger 0.75 percentage point increase was also seen as an option.

But the Bank said this month's meeting of the MPC has been pushed back by a week 'in light of the period of national mourning now being observed in the United Kingdom'.

Despite the turmoil, the pound regained ground against the dollar having plunged to its lowest level since 1985 earlier in the week. And respected investor Bill Gross, who co-founded Pacific Investment Management Co, is betting on sterling to recover over the coming months.

He said: 'Continued large trade deficits and a ceiling on the Fed's ability to raise rates to anticipated levels due to future recession will limit further depreciation of the pound and likely lead to future increases compared to the dollar.'



## Asos goes out of fashion in summer slowdown

ASOS became the latest retailer to provide a bleak outlook for consumers as the cost of living rises.

In a devastating double blow, the online fashion firm said customers have cut back on spending as financial pressures mount while last month's heatwave led to lower sales for autumn and winter clothing.

Asos warned the double whammy would mean sales for the year to August 31 were 'weaker than expected'. It now expects profits for the year to be 'around the bottom end of company guidance' of between £20m and £60m. Last year it made £193.6m.

The group also said sales growth

for the year will drop to 2pc – compared with highs of 20pc as Covid drove a boom in online shopping.

Shares yesterday dropped 0.74pc, or 5p, to 673.5p. They have fallen 80pc in the past year.

AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould said the warning was 'not the biggest surprise in the world' coming after Associated British Foods, owner of Primark, on Thursday said lower consumer confidence would hit profits this year.

Mould said: 'Perhaps the greatest area of concern [for Asos]... is that the autumn/winter season, and by extension, the company's new financial year, is off to a slow start.'



# — ‘Our nation has grown and flourished’ —

## Elizabethan age heralded revolution in British industry

By Alex Brummer

**D**URING a long hot summer when the cost of living crisis, the energy price shock and industrial strife dominated the national agenda, it might easily have been imagined that ‘Great’ no longer described Britain.

On a slate grey day, when rain stopped play at the Oval, and maudlin images came to us from Balmoral, it became possible to step back and see the United Kingdom as it really is after 70 years of the Queen’s service to the nation.

Our newly minted Prime Minister, a Liz to a Lilibet, dared echo an oft forgotten truth. ‘Our nation has grown and flourished’ under Elizabeth II’s calm stewardship.

The late Queen’s 15 Prime Ministers, countless Chancellors and policymakers have delivered a much better country than people want to acknowledge.

It was fitting that one of her last symbolic acts, showcasing Britain as an economic powerhouse, was the opening of Crossrail, the Elizabeth Line, in May of this year. Tunnelled under London in the 21st century, it is a magnificent tribute to the nation’s engineering, architectural and technology skills.

Such engineering feats are the tip of an iceberg of change and innovation. From film stages being built at Elstree in Hertfordshire, to the centre of space exploration excellence at Stevenage, the video gaming industry in Dundee and pharmaceutical research in Cambridge, the New Elizabethan age saw a flourishing every bit as impressive as its Tudor predecessor.

Back in 2008, on visit to the London School of Economics, the Queen may have embarrassed the City with her ‘Why didn’t anybody notice it?’ question on the financial crisis.

Yet in the 14 years since, a sturdier Square Mile has emerged, making it the most valuable source of national prosperity and the money spinner which funds sometimes sclerotic public services.

**A**S SOMEONE born a few years before the start of Elizabeth II’s reign, I have been fortunate enough to have a ringside seat to the fantastic changes in our economy.

The thrill of travelling to London to attend the coronation celebrations in 1953 is still fresh in my mind.

The descent into the bowels of the earth at Victoria station for my first ever ride on the Underground. Then it was lunch at the Lyons Corner House at Marble Arch.

London’s underground railway is still there and one of the great legacies of the nation’s paternalistic, liberal, imaginative Victorian forbearers.

As for J Lyons & Co, the first company in Britain to adopt computing to run its affairs, it is no longer with us. Like so many great British brands in the second Elizabethan age, it was swallowed up by modern capitalism. First it was merged



with Allied Breweries to become Allied Lyons. After a merger with Domecq, the Lyons name was exorcised and the rump bought by France’s Pernod Ricard in a £7.4bn takeover in 2005.

Many still look back on the 1950s as a halcyon period for the UK. Across the country there was a feeling of optimism as the rationing of food ended on July 4, 1954.

The legacy of the post-war Attlee government was the nationalisation of our great industries – coal, power, steel, and even aerospace – providing a security of employment and production which sustained

great prosperity in the industrial strongholds of the Midlands and North. Cars poured off the production lines – Jaguars for the sporty inclined, Rovers for the established classes and the Morris, Austin, Ford, Vauxhall and Hillman for the middle-classes and working person. Patrician Tory Prime Minister Harold Macmillan felt confident enough to declare in 1957 ‘most of our people have never had it so good’.

New homes, many of them put up by councils, were churned out at the rate of 200,000 a year. The welfare state of protection from ‘cradle to grave’ and the NHS was being implemented rapidly.

But while Britain concentrated on public investment in welfare, other countries focused on industrial recovery.

The Marshall Plan in Europe in 1948 – together with forgiveness of German debt from two world wars – saw money released for investment in modern steel, car building and ship building.

In Japan, reconstruction with

American support, saw the emergence of a new wave of car maker and world-beating ship production. The UK’s pre-war, under-invested manufacturing became increasingly less competitive and West Germany, Japan and Europe rose phoenix-like from the ashes of war.

Britain’s older industries struggled. The UK’s under-invested education system produced fewer skilled workers and our banks were more interested in trading and international expansion than supporting domestic industries. After the industrial strife of the 1960s, Britain was forced into the hands of the International Monetary Fund in 1976 and government support for industry fell away.

Shipyards closed, car factories were perpetually on strike and runaway inflation put pay to competitiveness.

When Margaret Thatcher declared war on



**Queen’s industry: (Clockwise from left) At Crossrail, experimenting at Grey Coat Hospital, in miners’ uniform and touring the Bank of England’s gold vault**

the unions in the 1980s, first the coal mines, then many of the steel works, were shuttered.

Northern towns such as Bishop Auckland became industrial wastelands bereft of opportunity. Out of this wasteland developed a new economy. Manufacturing, which accounted for 33pc of national output when the Queen came to the throne, had shrunk to just 10pc by the turn of the millennium.

The 1980s saw a transformation. The pull of London and finance and the demand of the public for services saw it catapulted to the largest economic sector. Britain was selling insurance, banking and other professional services.

A second industrial revolution of technology saw city centres boarded up as online shopping displaced traditional retail. The department store, the social core in many regional towns, was destroyed.

**O**LD industrial cities have come back. In the 1980s, Michael Heseltine’s support for Liverpool saw the restoration of its waterfront. Manchester was transformed into a modern metropolis. Leeds became a Northern financial and retail hub. Britain is a much richer nation than in 1950.

Remarkably for a small crowded island, it is the fifth largest economy in the world. The Queen’s reign was marked by great leaps forward in the 1950s and early 1960s, and setbacks in the 1970s and 1980s.

But the under her benign supervision, the Thatcherite revolution has made the UK a more enterprising, entrepreneurial society and our great research universities, with their skills in life sciences and tech, a source of great hope.

The second Elizabethan age could be regarded by historians as leaving a legacy every bit as glorious as the first.



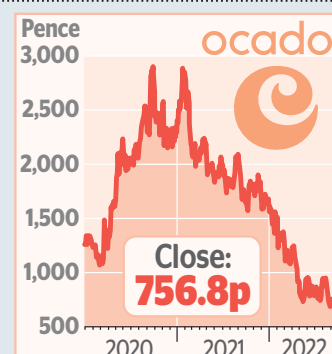


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## SHARE OF THE WEEK



OCADO and Marks & Spencer will be in focus next week as the grocers posts results for the three months to August.

Ocado Retail, half-owned by M&S, has been hammered by the rising cost of living, with shoppers ordering less and also trading down to cheaper products. It has also struggled since the pandemic-fuelled boom in online grocery shopping ended – with sales falling behind levels seen since Covid-19 struck.

Ocado's shares have fallen 55pc this year, while M&S is down by 49pc.

On Tuesday analysts will be looking at whether the online grocer – which sells Ocado and M&S products – is losing shoppers to more affordable rivals. The grocers typically attract wealthier customers.

Hargreaves Lansdown analyst Susannah Streeter said there is a risk they go elsewhere 'or at least occasionally shop around'.

She said: 'Investors will be watching closely to see if hard won market share gains are showing signs of unravelling.'

Ocado's shares are particularly depressed amid a global sell-off of loss-making technology firms. The group's focus is firmly on its tech arm, which sells automated grocery delivery technology to grocery stores around the world.

Shares topped £28 during the pandemic as the shift to online grocery shopping was turbo-charged. But they have fallen back amid questions about when the firm will become profitable. They closed yesterday worth under £8.



## INVESTMENT EXTRA

By Anne Ashworth

**T**HE capping of energy prices has cooled the fuel bill crisis. But although alarm over soaring costs may have lessened, calls are growing for a more rapid transition to renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

This year's geopolitical chaos has focused minds on how to keep the lights on without costing the earth, and Liz Truss has pledged her commitment to net zero.

Such is the interest in the renewables sector that the share price of the Gresham House Energy Storage investment trust is at a 32pc premium to the value of its net assets.

This trust backs the battery operator businesses that store excess renewables supply.

In 2021, \$755bn was invested worldwide in the transition to 'clean' energy sources, according to a Bloomberg study, but future expenditure will far exceed this sum.

For example, the International Energy Agency estimates that \$820bn a year must be spent on power grids – the cables that link offshore wind farms and other power sources with consumers – if global warming is to be limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2030. Annual outlay now is about \$260bn.

Anyone building a long-term portfolio should be paying attention to these global trends, whether you wish to save the

# The wind is blowing behind renewables

## Change in energy trends points one way

planet, or believe that politicians' top priorities will be to keep consumers' fuel bills low and strengthen energy security.

For the Prime Minister, this is one of the issues that is top of the agenda.

These are the reasons why, although reliance on fossil fuels may last longer than we thought before the war in Ukraine, I have been committing more cash to renewables.

The UK may not buy energy directly from Russia, but the EU's attempts to curtail its dependence on this source – it imports 57pc of its energy needs – has raised competition for supplies, causing prices to surge.

Will Riley, manager of the Guinness Sustainable Energy fund, argues that these conditions highlight the requirement to boost energy security through the more efficient use of power and the move to solar, wind and the other renewables, activities in which this fund invests.

Chris Greenland, manager of

the Sanlam Multi-Strategy fund also contends that this is a propitious moment to take a bet on the 'multi-decade' changes in the energy landscape.

He says: 'One of fundamental advantages of renewables is that the input fuels – wind and sunshine – are free.'

Solar may be a more predictable resource than wind, especially offshore wind.

But since both come for free, it is likely that the Government will do more to bring down the price of the long-term supply contracts held by renewables companies, which are based on the much higher price of gas.

Controversially, this price is determined by the price of supply from the most expensive power plant meeting demand on that particular day.

But Gresham House is not the only renewables trust standing at a premium. Others include JLEN Environmental Assets, Downing Renewables & Infrastructure, Gore Street Energy Storage,

Greencoat UK Wind and SDCL Energy Efficiency.

I am an investor in the last four of these since assessing the merits of the individual players in this industry demands familiarity with complex technologies.

David Harrison, manager of the Rathbone Greenbank Global Sustainability Fund, opts for established companies like the energy storage group Schneider Electric and Linde, the industrial gases specialist.

I plan to add to my holdings in trusts when share prices weaken, but also to take some bets on renewables funds.

Dzmitry Lipski, of Interactive Investors, likes the proven track record of the iShares Global Clean Energy ETF. Lipski suggests that anyone looking for an income should consider Gravis Clean Energy Income Fund.

The new government has taken bold action on energy bills. You could see this as a spur to change your strategy towards the sector.

## WHAT DOES EX-DIVIDEND MEAN?

COMPANIES distribute dividends to shareholders several times a year. Some make these payouts twice a year, but investment trusts and larger companies, such as Shell, Unilever and other members of the FTSE 100 tend to pay quarterly. On the declaration date, when the company announces the dividend, it also sets two other key dates – the ex-dividend date and the record date.

Only those who have bought the shares before the ex-dividend date are entitled to receive that particular dividend – which will be paid to those who are shareholders on the record date, usually one business day later. Ex is Latin for 'away' or 'from'. Cum-dividend, a phrase you will sometimes hear, means 'with dividend', Latin again.

## HOW DOES THIS WORK IN PRACTICE?

UNILEVER'S third quarter dividend will be announced with its trading statement on October 27. The shares will go ex-dividend on November 17. The record date is November 18. The website dividenddata.co.uk lists the declaration, report and ex-dividend dates of FTSE 100 and other companies. If you are scanning the share price pages newspapers, you will see shares that are ex-dividend marked as 'xd'.

# Since you ask...

Here we explain baffling stock market terminology – and how you might stand to profit. This week: Ex-Dividend

## DOES THE SHARE PRICE DROP ON THE EX-DIVIDEND DATE?

THE company has paid out cash so decreasing the value of its assets. On this basis, you would suppose that its market capitalisation and thus its share price would fall.

This is usually the case, but not invariably. Some positive news about the company, or the sector in which it operates could cause the shares to rise. Or the shares could be lifted by optimistic economic data.

## IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE MONEY WHEN A SHARE GOES EX-DIVIDEND?

THE 'dividend capture' strategy can be a means to benefit, and numerous investor websites argue that you do not need to be an expert share trader to turn a profit via this approach. There are some risks, however. Shares tend to appreciate, as their ex-dividend date draws closer. This presents the opportunity to buy shares before they move upwards, pocket the dividend and

then sell. But if you get your timing wrong – by buying the shares too late, for example – your gains may be negligible, even taking into account the dividend.

## IS THERE A SCANDAL IN EUROPE?

OH, yes. The Cum-Ex scandal, the largest tax dodging scandal of recent German history, has even drawn in Chancellor Olaf Scholz. MM Warburg, a German financial institution, is alleged to have traded shares on, or just before, the record date, and claimed two capital gains refunds, although tax had only been paid once. The courts have ruled this to be criminal tax evasion.

## HOW GENEROUS ARE DIVIS NOW?

AJ Bell estimates that 2022 could turn out to be the second-best year ever for payouts, with FTSE companies distributing £85bn, only slightly less than in the record year of 2018. But there may be less largesse in 2023, according to Link's, with recession set to limit the ability and willingness of companies to increase their dividends.

Yet if you own shares that have given you decent payouts this year, it's worth noting that there is research indicating such shares tend to outperform in the long-term, especially at times of economic turbulence.



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# Ashley wins promotion as Frasers enters Footsie

TRACKSUIT tycoon Mike Ashley – the former owner of Newcastle United – is on his way back to the stock market’s top flight.

The 58-year-old billionaire’s retail empire **Frasers Group**, which owns chains including Sports Direct and House of Fraser, will be promoted to the FTSE 100 on Tuesday.

Shares in the company, which were up 1pc, or 8p, at 812p yesterday, have risen by a third in the past three months and have more than quadrupled since their Covid lows. This has given Frasers, whose other brands include Evans Cycles, Flannels, Jack Wills and Agent Provocateur, a value of £3.8bn. That is enough for it to join the blue chips next week when defence giant Meggitt is delisted following its takeover by US rival Parker-Hannifin.

Ashley owns 69pc of Frasers – a stake worth over £2.6bn – and his son-in-law Michael Murray took over as chief executive this year.

Ashley was last in the FTSE 100 six years ago before his company, then known as Sports Direct

MARKET REPORT



By John Abiona

International, was demoted in March 2016.

Shares in London were on the front foot after a turbulent week that saw the Queen pass away days after Liz Truss became Prime Minister.

With trading continuing as normal, the **FTSE 100** index rose 1.2pc, or 89.01 points, to 7351.07 and the **FTSE 250** gained 1.6pc, or 309.74 points, to 19188.03.

Sterling was also on the march, rising as high as \$1.1647 having hit a 37-year low of \$1.1406 on Wednesday.

Mining stocks led the charge in London as copper prices rose on the back of the weaker dollar and lower than expected inflation

numbers in China. **Anglo American** rose 4.7pc, or 132p, to 2926.5p, **Glencore** gained 3.7pc, or 17.25p, to 488.4p, **Antofagasta** added 3.9pc, or 44.5p, to 1195.5p and **Rio Tinto** lifted 2.9pc, or 134.5p, at 4860p.

**Cineworld** was handed a lifeline after a US court approved access to around £678m of emergency funds to help the world’s second-largest cinema chain continue operating.

The troubled UK cinema giant, which employs 28,000 people worldwide and operates 751 cinemas in ten countries, filed for bankruptcy in the US in a bid to ‘significantly’ reduce its massive debt pile of £7.5bn. Shares fell 1pc, or 0.04p, to 4.1p.

The **London Stock Exchange Group’s** takeover of Quantile moved a step closer after it was provisionally cleared by the UK competition watchdog.

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) referred the deal for an investigation in May after the exchange operator snapped up Quantile for up to

£274m last December. With the investigation nearing completion, the CMA said the acquisition ‘will not lead to a substantial lessening of competition between Quantile and its rivals’.

The LSE group and Quantile have until the end of September to respond to the CMA before it plans to release a final report by October 31.

LSE shares were flat at 8004p.

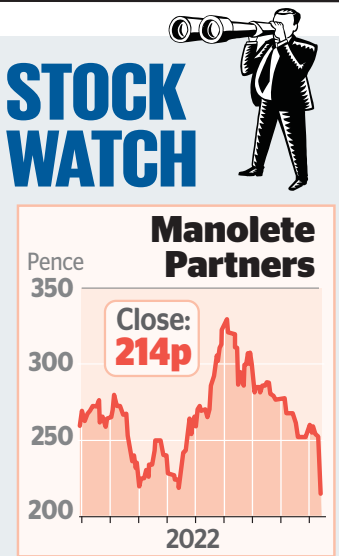
**Royal Mail** shares ticked up 2.9pc, or 7.3p, to 259.1p a day after the delivery group dismissed rumours it was in ‘secret’ takeover talks with a Luxembourg-based private equity firm.

In a statement on Thursday, Royal Mail said the claim from Dave Ward, the General Secretary of the CWU, was not true.

FTSE 250 firm **4imprint** enjoyed a better showing with brokers.

Analysts at Barclays raised the target price of the marketing group, which makes promotional products such as bags and pens, to 5800p from 4800p.

Shares rose 5.7pc, or 200p, to 3735p by the close.



■ **MANOLETE Partners** expects to report a loss following a High Court ruling on one of its larger cases.

The AIM-listed firm, which funds insolvency litigation cases, has applied for the decision to be reviewed at the Court of Appeal.

The firm has decided to write down the full value of the case in its forthcoming half-year results. With profits set to fall by £2.3m, the company has so far paid out £636,756 on the case. Shares crashed 15.3pc, or 38.5p, to 214p yesterday.

	High	Low
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defence</b>		
Aston Martin	482+26	1963 371 4
BAE Systems	784+ -3	838 528 4
Chemring Gp	299+xd -1	367 256
Meggitt	798+ -	798 732 8
QinetiQ	334 -3	394 243
Rolls-Royce	78+ +8	147 71 4
TI Fluid Systems	149+xd +6	287 2 136

	High	Low
<b>Banks</b>		
Banco Santander	219+ +3	290 193 8
Bank of Georgia	2125 +45	2125 986
Barclays	168+xd +2	217 140 8
HSCB Hldgs	525+xd -2	567 4 359 4
Lloyds Banking	46+xd +4	55 41
NatWest Group	260+xd +6	263 4 192 8
Stan Chartered	614+xd +21	638 410
TBC Bank	1882 +50	1882 901
Virgin Money UK	154+ +1	218 124 4

	High	Low
<b>Beverages</b>		
Britvic	784 +6	949 2 741
C&C Group	172+ +4	264 163 4
Coca-Cola HBC	1968+14	2687 1460 2
Diageo	3797+xd +26	4103 3343

	High	Low
<b>Chemicals</b>		
Croda Intnl	6866+210	10410 5908
Elementis	109+ +1	157 97
Johnson Mat	2008 +54	2856 1721
Synthoner	191+ +6	524 182
Victrex	1777 +27	2600 1590

	High	Low
<b>Construction &amp; Materials</b>		
Balfour Beatty	334 +2	334 215 8
CRH	3161 +41	4002 2756 2
Genuit Group	342+xd +4	739 333
Grafton Gp	747+ +11	1385 704
Ibstock	197+xd +4	222 154
Marshall	326+ +3	819 319
Tyman	219+xd +2	444 211
Volvation	337+ +5	560 325

	High	Low
<b>Electricity</b>		
Contour Global	256+xd +2	258 178
Drax Gp	749+xd +17	831 425
SSE	1790+xd +37	1920 1525

	High	Low
<b>Electronic &amp; Electrical Equipment</b>		
Halma	2157 +41	3216 1876 2
Morgan Advanced	247+ +4	412 241 2
Oxford Instruments	2110 +30	2665 1760
Renishaw	3548 +104	5500 3444
Spectris	2910 +46	4083 2458

	High	Low
<b>Equity Investment Instruments</b>		
3i Infrastructure	338 +2	366 304
Aberforth Smr Cos	1208 +26	1572 1144
AJ Bell	271+ +9	426 246 4
Alliance Trust	991+xd +16	1078 887
Allianz Tech	241+ +5	370 200
Apax Global	169+xd +5	235 157 8
AVI Global Trust	188+ +2	222 172
Baillie Giff Japan	750 +12	1106 662
Bankers InvTst	104+ +2	125 95 2
BBGI Global	171+ +3	180 158

	CLOSING PRICE	DAILY CHANGE	REASON
<b>TOP RISERS</b>			
National Express	1875.00	+12.88%	Travel sector optimism
Darktrace	379.20	+12.49%	Recovers losses
Ferrexpo	156.10	+7.14%	Chinese inflation cools
Aston Martin	482.80	+5.71%	Places more shares
4imprint	3735.00	+5.66%	Target price hiked

	High	Low		High	Low
<b>Food Producers</b>					
Bellevue Hlthcare	177 +4	208 132 8	VinaCapital Vietna	508 +9	545 454
BlackRock Smr	1330 +50	2185 1254	Witan Invest	222+xd +4	257 202
BikRockWldMining	606+xd +16	792 502	Wwde Healthcare	3450 +55	3810 2825
Caledonia Inv	3605 +95	4100 3230	XP Power	1920 +54	5540 1798
Chrysalis Inv	72+ -4	272 69 4	<b>General Financial</b>		
City of London IT	406 +5	425 377	3i Group	1166+ +11	1503 2
Edin Inv Trust	598 +13	657 573	Ashmore Gp	226+ +7	370 192
Edin Wwde	189+ +2	335 160 4	BR Thymoront	571 +17	1022 533
European Opp	702 +5	891 644	Brewin Dolphin	513	517 266
F&C Inv Trust	875 +9	946 770	Bridgepoint Group	259+xd +4	569 208
Fidelity China	236+2 +2	352 218 2	IG Gp	793+2 +8	857 648
Fidelity Emg	603 +10	896 587 4	Close Brothers	1032 +20	1575 987
Fidelity Eur	288 +5	345 267 2	CMC Markets	229+ +9	317 214 2
Fidelity Spec Val	263 +5	315 250	Coats Group	58+ +8	81 57
Finsbury G& Tst	840 +10	930 734	Hargrvs Lansdwn	856+ +24	1598 762 8
GP Infra Inv	106+4 +1	118 100 4	Investec	168 +4	536 4 275 8
Global Smr	140 +1	177 134 8	IP Group	69+xd +1	141 66 4
Greencore UK	163+2 -1	165 129 4	JTC	75+ +2	96 571
Harbourvest	2160 +50	2940 2000	London Stock Ex	8004+xd	8582 6370
Henderson Smi Co	796+xd +19	1324 744	Man Group	256+xd +5	274 178 8
Herald Inv Trust	1686 +46	2585 1560	OSB Group	545+xd +8	599 418 4
HG Capital Trust	368+2 +8	454 267 2	Paragon	495+ +1	617 427 4
HIL Infr	176+xd	183 161	Petershill Partners	220 +2	350 4 194 4
Hipgnosis Songs	108+ -8	129 102 8	Plus500	1648+xd +2	1824 1255 2
ICG Enterprise	1080 +38	1314 954	Provident Financial	186+xd +1	381 166
Impax Envrto Mkts	442+ +10	583 381 2	Quilter	105+xd +2	185 96 8
JPM American	773+xd +16	795 655	Rathbone Gp	1790+xd +38	2210 1518
JPM Emerg Mkt	106+ +1	137 4 99 4	Ruffer Investment	304 +2	325 230
JPM Euro Disc	388+2 +13	582 366 2	Schroders	2660 +18	3871 2578
JPM Japan IT	465 +1	729 412 2	SDCL Energy	115+xd +9	125 97 4
Jupiter Fund	103+2 +2	265 91 8	Temple Bar	219+2 +3	254 203 8
Law Debenture	736 +13	830 709	TP ICAP	171+ +8	2171 102 2
LXI REIT	151 +1	153 133 8	<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Services</b>		
M&G	204+xd +4	227 4 178 4	Convatec	228+xd +2	245 166 8
Mercantile IT	188 +4	286 173 4	Mediclinic Intl	494+ -1	501 2 286 8
Molten Ventures	355+4 +7	1154 326 4	Smith & Neph	1104+2 +9	1369 1008
Morgan Sindall	1670 +40	2600 1630	Spire Health	238 -2	254 2 206
Murray Inv Tst	818+xd +11	934 770			
Murray Intl Tst	1240 +12	1320 1076			
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Pantheon Intl	265 +3	351 240 2			
Pershing Square	2875+xd +35	3115 2330			
Personal Assets Tr	490+xd +2	509 473 2			
Polar Cap Tech	2045 +53	2750 1778			
Renewables Infra	142+xd	147 4 123 4			
RIT Cap Partners	2295 +35	2765 2220			
Schroder Asia	518 +11	614 498			
Schroder Oriental	263 +8	276 251 2			
Scott American Inv	488+xd	48 543 42 8			
Scottish Mortgage	837+ +25	1543 670 8			
Suquia Econ Infra	88+ +4	113 83 4			
Smithson Inv	1290 +7	2025 1140			
Syncona	196 -8	219 157 4			
Templeton Em	148+ +2	189 4 140 8			
Vietnam Enter	686 -3	791 625			

	CLOSING PRICE	DAILY CHANGE	REASON
<b>TOP FALLERS</b>			
Bridgepoint Group	259.00	-14.63%	Technical glitch
Computacenter	2182.00	-11.44%	Profit slump
Vistry Group	800.00	-2.50%	Broker rating
Bytes Technology	431.20	-2.00%	Sector concerns
Telecom Plus	1792.00	-1.32%	Sell-off continues

	High	Low		High	Low
<b>Mining</b>					
+11+14	760	408*	Anglo American	2928+xd+132+1170	2470 2
5 +32	3511	1959	Antofagasta	1195+xd+44+1781	291*
2 +67	4903	3447	BHP Group	2280+xd+98	3019 1835*
8 +4	530	225*	Centamin	91+xd +3	109 4 74*
8 +8	413*	220*	Endeavour Mining	1760+xd+33	2100 1510
+2+37	2883	1442	Evraz	81	646 53
+8+96	718*	470*	Ferrexpo	156+10	379 107
+2+4	178	104	Fresnillo	728+xd+21	986 622*
-20	1261	741	Glencore	488+xd+17+541	2 312
<b>Nonlife Insurance</b>					
xd+60	4180	2665	Hochschild Mining	63+xd +3	173 59*
2 +72	440	312	Rio Tinto	4860+xd+134	26225 4375*
8 +74	526*	251*			
<b>Retailers</b>					
2 +16	959	500	ASOS	673+2	-5 3345
6 +20	1878	960	B&M	350+16	642 3
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8 +22	183*	107*	Currys	66+xd+14	140*
8 +23	3702	1729	Dr. Martens	249	+3 429*
4 +55	373*	232*	Dunelm Gp	736+2	+23 152 6
4 +44	458	260*	Fraser Group	812	+8 949 5
7 +15	1629	1355	Gragers	1999	+43 3416 1
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<b>Pharmaceuticals &amp; Biotechnology</b>					
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<b>Software &amp; Computer Services</b>					
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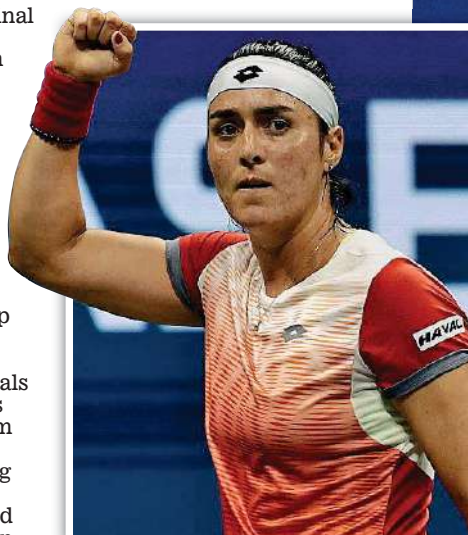
# Sharapova slams new crop of stars

MARIA SHARAPOVA turned up at Flushing Meadows on Thursday night, and showed she has not lost her ability to deliver a caustic observation. Commentating on the US Open women's semi-finals for ESPN, the former world No 1 recalled a conversation with former rival Serena Williams at last year's Met Gala. 'I was like, "No disrespect to this generation but you are so much better, you need to go out there",' said Sharapova, who has recently given birth to her first child. Given that Williams was about to turn 40 at the time and was injured, the inference was clear about the current crop. Serena has now moved on from the sport, and the final she has left behind will be between the world No 1 Iga Swiatek and Wimbledon finalist Ons Jabeur. Sharapova is correct to suggest that there is a shortage of elite players on the women's side at the moment, although it should also be said that the strength-in-depth lower down is probably greater. And at least the final will be between the one standout player, Poland's Swiatek, and a challenger who has been clearly the second-best player in the world this season, Tunisia's Ons Jabeur. The women's game also retains the capacity to create history, which would certainly be the case if Jabeur becomes the first woman from the Arab

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world to win a Grand Slam. Swiatek had the tougher passage, bouncing back in a deciding set to defeat the talented but brittle Aryna Sabalenka 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Jabeur stopped the player who looked to be in the best form, France's Caroline Garcia, abruptly in her tracks with a 6-1 6-3 victory. In Tunisia, where she is known as the 'Minister of Happiness', her exploits are so widely followed that her quarter-final even managed to knock football off the mainstream television channels. 'It was the Champions League, Juventus playing Paris Saint-Germain,' she said. 'In Tunisia it's all about soccer but people were not watching, they were watching my game.' Jabeur feels that her experience at Wimbledon, where she lost in the final to Elena Rybakina, will help her second time round. 'It feels more real, to be honest, just to be in the finals again. At Wimbledon, I was kind of just living the dream and I couldn't believe it. But now, I hope I'm getting used to it. I'm just happy about the fact that I backed up the results in Wimbledon and people are not surprised I'm in the finals, keeping going and just doing my thing.' Swiatek came into the

tournament complaining that she was having difficulty controlling the lighter ball the women use, but here she is. In her favour is a remarkable record in WTA finals, including her two French Open triumphs. In her last nine matches to decide tournaments she has won all nine, without dropping a set. And Jabeur reflected: 'Iga never loses finals, so it's going to be very tough. I know she struggled a bit with the balls here, but I don't see her struggling much, to be honest with you.'



Leading lights: Swiatek (main) and Jabeur (above) have had stellar seasons REX



**MIKE DICKSON**  
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# Another triumph for five-star Joe

## Slam win takes Salisbury to world No 1

**J**OE SALISBURY took his fifth Grand Slam title last night and the bragging rights over Davis Cup teammate Neal Skupski when he successfully defended his US Open trophy.

And thrown into the bargain was the retention of Salisbury's status as the world's No 1 doubles player, which had been threatened by the 32-year-old from Liverpool.

Accompanied by American partner Rajeev Ram, the Londoner beat second seeds Skupski and Dutch team-mate Wesley Koolhof 7-6, 7-5 in one hour and 55 minutes.

The first match on before last night's men's semi-finals, it was a close affair which was just shaded by the more established duo when Skupski had his serve broken as a second tiebreak loomed. Salisbury has now won three men's doubles and two mixed at the majors.

He and Skupski will be teammates in the four-way group play-offs in Glasgow next week to determine two teams who will advance to November's Davis Cup finals.

The quartet on court will be reunited soon enough, with Ram playing in Scotland for the USA and Koolhof representing Holland in the round robin competition. Kazakhstan are the



Winners again: Salisbury and Ram (left) retained their US Open doubles title in New York REX

fourth team who will be present. The event starts on Tuesday and is set to go ahead after lengthy discussions at the Lawn Tennis Association who, releasing the information in the middle of the King's speech, said they had made the decision after careful consideration.

Skupski and his Dutch partner have had an outstanding season, to the extent that they became

the first pair to qualify for the year-end ATP Finals in Turin.

They have won six finals this year, more than any other pair, but lost last time out against the same opposition, at Indian Wells in early spring.

It was the Anglo-American pair who had the first chance when they forced a break point against the Skupski serve in the third game. Other than that it was

desperately close with few openings until the tiebreak, which saw Skupski and Koolhof move into a 4-1 lead. That changed sharply when Koolhof dropped both points on his serve, and from there they completed a run of six straight points to seal it 7-4.

Ram faced two break points in the third game of the following set. On the first he drew an error but the second one saw Skupski middle a backhand return winner to go ahead for the first time.

That work was undone when the Skupski, starting with an ace, dropped the next four points. The champions could have driven home the advantage in the next game when they created another break point, which Koolhof saved with a volley. Amid a sea of defensive volleys it continued to be close until the break point at the end.

Last night's semi-finals were due to feature Casper Ruud against Karen Khachanov, followed by Carlos Alcaraz against America's Frances Tiafoe.

## Hero Watson given hall of fame honour

### BOXING

By **RIATH AL-SAMARRAI**

**MICHAEL WATSON** will be inducted into the British boxing hall of fame this month in recognition of the inspiration he has provided in his fight against brain injuries suffered in the ring 31 years ago. The three-time world title challenger, who spent 40 days battling for his life in a coma after a brutal knockout by Chris Eubank in 1991, will be honoured by the British Ex-Boxers Association at a ceremony in London on September 18. Since suffering his horrific injuries, which required Watson to relearn how to talk, read, write and walk after six years in a wheelchair, he has gone on to run a marathon and has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charities. The 57-year-old told *Sportsmail*: 'Going in the hall of fame is a true honour and a privilege. It has really touched my heart that fans and people have not forgotten me and that I have been able to do good from my situation. I am blessed. This has made me very happy.'



# Fahey tipping Platinum to strike gold on soft ground

By **MARCUS TOWNEND**

Racing Correspondent

**TRAINER** Richard Fahey is backing The Platinum Queen to cope with the softest ground she has ever encountered when the speedball filly lines up in tomorrow's Flying Childers Stakes.

Oisín Orr's mount has only ever raced on good to firm going which has allowed her to show her electric pace, winning at Glorious Goodwood in an exceptional time before blazing a trail in the Group One Nunthorpe Stakes at York against older opponents, when she beat all but the in-form filly Highfield Princess.

The ground on Doncaster's Town Moor is currently good to soft but there are thundery showers in the forecast which Fahey described as 'hit and miss'. The Malton-based trainer said: 'I wouldn't say I am worried about the ground but she has never run on soft and I would not want it to get too



**Bullish:** Trainer Fahey

heavy. She is in great form and I am very happy with her. We were delighted with her in the Nunthorpe and she was beaten by a filly who is in unbeatable form at the minute.'

The Platinum Queen faces seven opponents which include the Richard Hannon-trained Trillium, who was an impressive winner of the Molecomb Stakes at Glorious Goodwood on his previous start.

The Platinum Queen is owned by Middleham Park Racing and their light blue silks may also be carried in the same race by the Keith Dalglish-trained Prince Of Pillo, unbeaten in his last two outings. However, if too much rain arrives for Pat Dobbs's mount, he could be pulled out to run at Ayr next week.

**SWIATEK v JABEUR IN US OPEN FINAL**

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# Hoo beauty! Boughey bids for Classic double



**MARCUS TOWNEND**

Racing Correspondent at Doncaster

**T**HE Cazoo St Leger might be one of the most exacting tests of stamina in the Flat racing calendar and it could be won by a trainer who is conducting his career at a sprint.

If Hoo Ya Mal can land the rescheduled final Classic of the season at Doncaster tomorrow on what will be a poignant day's racing following the death of the Queen, it will be a second Classic victory of the season for George Boughey after his victory in the 1,000 Guineas in May with Cachet.

The Newmarket-based trainer also landed his first wins at Royal Ascot this summer, thanks to Missed The Cut (Golden Gate Stakes) and Inver Park (Buckingham Palace Stakes) and it is long odds-on that he will secure the 16 more wins he needs to reach 100 successes in a season in only the third full year of his career.

In between inspecting yearlings and potential new recruits at the Tattersall Sales complex in Newmarket this week, Boughey said: 'My plan this year was just to



**Team effort:** Boughey with stable staff and St Leger hope Hoo Ya Mal

have a Group Two winner, having had a Group Three winner last year.

'To have a Classic winner so early was great. It is something I would not even have dreamt of two years ago. It was a distant hope. I don't think that would have even been in the 10-year plan!

'We started with three modest horses three years ago and after winning a Classic I could die happy if I stopped training tomorrow. Winning Royal Ascot handicaps is also very hard.

'My only plan was to try to have 100 winners because we have had more horses. We still have a lot of nice two-year-olds which haven't been seen yet and my ethos has always been winners lead to better horses.'

Boughey is part of a new generation making their mark in Flat racing's HQ alongside James Ferguson, Charlie Fellowes and

Harry Eustace, but he the one making the most waves.

He is assured of a top-20 finish in the Flat trainer championship and his prizemoney haul of £1.5million — closing in on double his 2021 tally — will soar within touch of the £2m mark if Hoo Ya Mal can land the £450,000 St Leger first prize.

Even if Hoo Ya Mal wins, it will be his third and last run for Boughey before he emigrates to Australia with the Melbourne Cup in his sights.

The colt, who finished second in the Derby at Epsom when trained by Andrew Balding, was sold for £1.2m to an Aussie syndicate which includes well-known Australian trainer Gai Waterhouse.

Part of Boughey's training apprenticeship was served with Waterhouse, who will be Hoo Ya Mal's trainer when he lines-up in the Melbourne Cup.

Before then Boughey is hopeful

Hoo Ya Mal can secure tomorrow's historic prize.

To do that he must overcome the two-length gap between him and odds-on favourite New London when the met in the Gordon Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

But Boughey has reasons to believe that can happen and is also buoyed by David Probert's mount proving his stamina when winning the mile-and-three-quarter March Stakes at Goodwood on his last start.

Boughey said: 'Ryan (Moore) lost his whip before the final furlong in the Gordon Stakes. He was pretty sure he would have finished closer if that hadn't happened. It was a very creditable run.

'He then stepped forward massively when winning the March Stakes. It was an easier race but he settled well and hit the line strongly over one mile six furlongs on good-to-soft ground.

'He was keen in his races but he is doing everything the right way round now, enabling himself to stay by being more relaxed. Physically he has changed since we got him. He is a different animal now.

'He got a very good ride in the Derby from David Probert which was a big part in my decision of wanting him again to ride in the St Leger.

'New London has never run over 14-and-a-half furlongs and Hoo Ya Mal has proven he will stay and the big galloping track will allow us to see the best of him.'

ROBIN GOODFELLOW	GIMCRACK
12.30 Chaldee	12.30 Chaldee
1.00 Able Kane	1.00 Juan Les Pins
1.35 The Platinum Queen	1.35 THE PLATINUM QUEEN (nap)
2.10 Whenthedealinsdone	2.10 Bergerac
2.45 Trueshan	2.45 Trueshan
3.20 KINROSS (nap)	3.20 Kinross
3.55 New London (nb)	3.55 New London (nb)
4.30 Johan	4.30 Flor De La Luna
5.05 Inchicore	5.05 Inchicore

**NEWMARKET** - 3.55 NEW LONDON (nap); 5.05 Mahrajaan (nb). **NORTHERNER** - 1.35 THE PLATINUM QUEEN (nap); 4.30 Point Lynas (nb).

**12.30**—CORAL CHAMPAGNE STAKES (GROUP 2) (1) (2-Y-O) £134,220 added (£79,458) 7f 6yds (3)

101 (1) 511 CHALDEAN 25 (D2) A Baking 9-2..... L Dettori  
102 (2) 512 INDESTRUCTIBLE 22 (G) M O'Callaghan (IRE) 9-2..... David Egan  
103 (3) 411 SILVER KNOTT 22 (D2) C Appleby 9-2..... W Buick  
Probable SP: 10-11 Silver Knott, 15-8 Chaldee, 4 Indestructible.  
FAVOURITES: 2 1 1 1 0 1 1 2 3

**2.01**—Bayside Boy 2 9 0 (David Egan) 5-1 R Varian drawn (2) 4 ran.

**1.00**—CAZOO HANDICAP (2) £50,000 added (£27,000) 6f 11yds (14)

201 (13) 1440-11 SHINE SO BRIGHT 120 (H) (D4) (G) A Baking 6-9-10..... NON RUNNER  
202 (8) 0-10100 ASJAD 50 (C) (S) James Horton 4-9-5..... P J McDonald  
203 (5) 450219 FOOLS RUSH IN 22 (PT) (D3) (GS) H Palmer 4-9-2..... H Davies (3)  
204 (2) 2845L0 LORD OF THE LODGE 22 (D2) (G) K R Burke 5-9-1..... S Feilden (7)  
205 (1) 034102 MUMS TITTLE 8 (D) (G) R Hannon 5-9-1..... S M Levey  
206 (11) 102-L78 BELLOSA 15 (T) (D2) (G) J Chapple-Hyam 4-9-0..... H Doyle  
207 (10) 110L1 TANMAWY 16 (G) (GS) C Hills 4-9-0..... J Crowley  
208 (6) 210910 LION TOWER 24 (D4) (G) G Tuer 5-8-13..... S James  
209 (9) 0-37010 RAATEA 43 (H) (G) J Camacho 5-8-11..... G Lee  
210 (14) 216034 ABLE KANE 15 (C&DD2) (GS) B Millman 5-8-10..... W Buick  
211 (12) 451111 JUAN LES PINS 38 (CD) (G) M Appleby 5-8-10..... F Larson (5)  
212 (7) 822144 MYRRFECUS 41 (P) (BF) (S) T Easterby 8-8-9..... D Allan  
213 (3) 287L70 ZARGUN 43 (D) (S) S Dixon 7-8-7..... C Hardie  
214 (4) 143619 MITROSONFIRE 17 (D) (GS) W Muir & C Grassick 4-8-6..... H Turner  
Probable SP: 7-2 Tanmawwy, 5 Juan Les Pins, 6 Able Kane, 13-2 Mums Tittle, 10 Hyperfocus, 12 Mitrosonfire, Fools Rush In, Asjad, Bellosa.

**1.35**—CORAL FLYING CHILDERS STAKES (GROUP 2) (1) (2-Y-O) £115,000 added (£65,216) 5f 3yds (8)

301 (6) 1223L4 CRISPY CAT 45 (D) M O'Callaghan (IRE) 9-3..... David Egan  
302 (3) 1845 HARRY TIME 29 M O'Callaghan (IRE) 9-3..... L F Roche  
303 (1) 11 PRINCE OF PILLO 29 (D) (G) K Dalglish 9-3..... C Rodriguez  
304 (4) 232936 FUNNY MONEY HONEY 10 J Harrington (IRE) 9-0..... H Doyle  
305 (8) 31 LADY HAMANA 25 (D) K R Burke 9-0..... S James  
306 (2) 211233 MALRESCIA 8 (T) (D) (S) G Boughey 9-0..... W Buick  
307 (7) 10112 THE PLATINUM QUEEN 23 (D3) (G) R Fahey 9-0..... Oisín Orr  
308 (5) 211 TRILLIUM 46 (D) (G) R Hannon 9-0..... P Dobbs  
Probable SP: 11-8 The Platinum Queen, 2 Trillium, 15-2 Crispy Cat, 10 Malrescia, 12 Prince Of Pillo, 20 Lady Hamana, Funny Money Honey.

**FAVOURITES:** 1 0 0 1 2 2 2 3

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK:** THE PLATINUM QUEEN showed some blinding early speed when thrown in against older rivals in the Gr 1 Nunthorpe Stakes at York's Ebor meeting and only finding in-form Highfield Princess too good. **MAIN DANGER:** TRILLIUM produced a massive step up in form when readily dismissing some useful rivals on her drop back to 5f in the Molecomb Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

**TRACK FACTS:** PRINCIPAL & JACKPOT MEETING. L-H course. GOING: Good to soft-soil in places. STALLS: Straight centre; remainder inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Top jockey: William Buick. Top trainer: R Varian. Placed in the race last year: 2.10 Count D'Orsay (3rd); 5.05 Hms President (2nd). Headgear first time: 1.35 Malrescia, 4.30 Astro King, Flor De La Luna, 5.05 Moliwood, Mr Curiosity, Longest Travellers. Indestructible (1.35), Lismore (2.45), Stratum (2.45), New Energy (3.20), French Claim (3.55), Emily Dickinson (3.55) Ireland; Call Me Ginger (2.10) & Sir Chauvelin (5.05) 245 miles. Drop in Class: 4.30 Johan is down 3 grades on last run (Group 2 to Class 2). First run since wind surgery: None today.

## DONCASTER SUNDAY

**2.10**—CORAL PORTLAND HANDICAP (2) £100,000 added (£51,540) 5f 143yds (22)

401 (16) 4L1505 JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE 29 (B) (C&DD3) (GS) K Ryan 8-9-12..... O McSwiney (5)  
402 (8) 1L0220 DAKOTA GOLD 25 (C&DD6BF) (GS) M Dods 8-9-11..... C Beasley  
403 (13) 223475 MAKANAH 25 (C&DD6F) (GS) J Camacho 7-9-10..... P Hanagan  
404 (20) 5-07021 WHENTHEDEALISDONE 8 (P) (D) (GS) R Teal 4-9-9..... D Tudhope  
405 (22) 803211 BERGERAC 25 (B) (D3) (G) K Ryan 4-9-6..... T Eaves  
406 (2) 845-L70 SIGNIFICANTLY 25 (B) (G) K R Burke 4-9-5..... S James  
407 (4) 81107L BURNING CASH 15 (C2) (G) P Midgley 4-9-5..... Ryan Sexton (5)  
408 (19) 257110 INTRINSIC BOND 16 (C&DD3BF) (GS) T Waggett 5-9-4..... JP Sullivan  
409 (1) 0L53L1 NIGHT ON EARTH 33 (HP) (G) I Williams 4-9-4..... D Probert  
410 (7) 1300-L0 PROJECT DANTE 25 (S) B Smart 3-9-3..... P Mulrennan  
411 (6) 54L045 NOMADIC EMPIRE 8 (V) (D) (G) D O'Meara 4-9-2..... N Callan  
412 (11) 294116 LEQUINTO 41 (D3BF) (G) A Carroll 5-9-1..... H Doyle  
413 (9) 143743 GHATHANFAR 9 (V) (D4) (G) T Waggett 6-9-1..... D Swift  
414 (14) 867621 CHIPSTEAD 22 (D) (G) R Teal 4-9-1..... F Larson (5)  
415 (12) 2444-0 MOTAGALLY 15 (B) (D4) (G) S Dixon 6-9-1..... P Dennis  
416 (15) 852050 SUNDAY SOVEREIGN 25 (T) (D2) (S) T Easterby 5-9-1..... J Crowley  
417 (18) 010-8LL ATALANTA'S BOY 14 (H) (C&DD6) (GS) Martin Smith 7-8-13 Jacob Clark (7)  
418 (17) 3L1781 LORD RIDDFORD 47 (GS) J J Quinn 7-8-13..... David Egan  
419 (21) 1042L3 DUSKY LORD 14 (D) (G) R Varian 4-8-12..... David Egan  
420 (10) 267L70 ZARGUN 43 (P) (S) S Dixon 7-8-12..... K O'Neill  
421 (3) 136147 CALL ME GINGER 8 (C&DD4) (G) J Goldie 6-8-12..... Amie Waugh (5)  
422 (5) 365470 COUNT D'ORSAY 25 (S) T Easterby 6-8-11..... D Allan  
Probable SP: 5 Whenthedealinsdone, 7 Makanah, 8 Chipstead, 10 Bergerac, 12 Burning Cash, Dakota Gold, Lequinto, 14 Justanotherbottle, Intrinsic Bond, Ghathanfar, Night On Earth, 16 Lord Ridford, Count D'Orsay, Dusky Lord.

**FAVOURITES:** 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 (W 9-3). **AGES:** 5 4 4 7 5 5 3 5 4

2021: Hurricane Ivor 4 9 10 (Tom Marquand) 11-2 Fav W Haggas drawn (5) 16 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK:** WHENTHEDEALISDONE was a very impressive winner when sauntering to victory at Ascot last week and should be able to take the leap in his handicap rating in his stride. **MAIN DANGER:** DAKOTA GOLD has a good track record and will be suited by being back racing on a softer surface.

**2.45**—CORAL DONCASTER CUP STAKES (GROUP 2) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES) (1) £130,000 added (£73,723) 2m 1f 197yds (8)

501 (6) 221142 COLTRANE 23 (BF) (GS) A Baking 5-9-7..... D Probert  
502 (4) 121115 GET SHIRTY 22 (GS) D O'Meara 6-9-7..... D Tudhope  
503 (7) 700841 ISLAND BRAVE 8 (G) H Main 8-9-7..... P J McDonald  
504 (6) 552153 RESHOUN 23 (P) (C) (GS) I Williams 8-9-7..... J Crowley  
505 (3) 1L10L1 STRATUM 85 (D) (GS) W P Mullins (IRE) 9-9-7..... W Buick  
506 (5) 111-113 TRUESHAN 47 (S) A King 6-9-7..... H Doyle  
507 (1) 344592 HAIZOOM 18 (S) K Dalglish 4-9-4..... S James  
508 (2) 28214-8 LISMORE 30 (P) (GS) H De Bromhead (IRE) 5-9-4..... L Dettori  
Probable SP: 1-2 Trueshan, 5 Coltrane, 6 Get Shirty, 14 Stratum, 20 Lismore.

**FAVOURITES:** 3 3 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 **AGES:** 6 7 5 6 7 3 8 5 4 7

2021: Stradivarius 7 9 8 (L Dettori) 4-11 Fav J T Gosden drawn (5) 6 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK:** TRUESHAN looks a class apart from his rivals here with the going and the trip made to measure. He was 3rd to Kyrios and Stradivarius in the Goodwood Cup on his last run and doesn't face rivals of that calibre. **MAIN DANGER:** COLTRANE was 4th in the Goodwood Cup and while he has over four lengths to make up on the selection he continues to run well in a hugely successful season.

**3.20**—CAZOO PARK STAKES (GROUP 2) (1) £120,000 added (£68,052) 7f 6yds (9)

601 (5) 63301L JIMBOY 22 (D3) (G) E J-Houghton 4-9-9..... D Probert  
602 (2) 49-3821 KUNROSS 22 (D4) (GS) R Beckett 4-9-9..... L Dettori  
603 (1) 6131-05 AL SUHAIL 22 (H) (D3) (G) C Appleby 5-9-6..... W Buick  
604 (6) 424013 GARRUS 35 (GS) C Hills 6-9-6..... J Crowley  
605 (8) 5321L2 MISTY GREY 14 (D3) T Dascombe 5-9-6..... H Doyle  
606 (8) 28-1051 DOUBLE OR BUBBLE 14 (D4) (GS) C Wall 5-9-3..... J Mitchell  
607 (4) 171-556 SACRED 22 (T) (D2BF2) (G) W Haggas 4-9-3..... C Fallon  
608 (7) 8-33287 NEW ENERGY 63 (D) S Lavery (IRE) 3-9-2..... Oisín Orr  
609 (3) 5-75052 THE WIZARD OF EYE 44 (S) J S Moore 3-9-2..... David Egan  
Probable SP: 2 Kinross, 9-2 Garris, 5 Sacred, 13-2 Al Suhail, 8 Double Or Bubble, Jumbo, 14 New Energy, 16 Misty Grey.

**FAVOURITES:** 0 2 3 1 2 1 2 1 3 **AGES:** 4 3 6 3 6 4 5 5 3 6

2021: Glorious Journey 6 9 4 (William Buick) 5-2 C Appleby drawn (3) 6 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK:** KINROSS was a cosy winner of the City Of York Stakes when he had Jumbo and Sacred behind him and race conditions look perfect for him to follow up. **MAIN DANGER:** DOUBLE OR BUBBLE, last year's runner-up, should be in the mix again coming into the race in good form.

**3.55**—CAZOO ST Leger STAKES (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES) (1) (3-Y-O) £786,000 added (£445,741) 1m 6f 115yds (9)

1 (5) 1-11L ELGAR ELGAROV 59 (BF) (GS) R Varian 9-3..... David Egan  
2 (8) 5021 EL HARBEE 26 K P De Foy 9-3..... P J McDonald  
3 (9) 14-133 FRENCH CLAIM 78 P Twomey (IRE) 9-3..... D Tudhope  
4 (2) 1-14321 GIVELLOTTO 37 (H) (G) M Boffi 9-3..... N Callan  
5 (7) 2-32231 HOO YA MAL 15 (T) (GS) G Boughey 9-3..... D Probert  
6 (4) 1-1211 NEW LONDON 45 (GS) C Appleby 9-3..... W Buick  
7 (6) 515243 EMILY DICKINSON 43 (BF) A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-0..... S M Levey  
8 (3) 11 HASKOY 24 R Beckett 9-0..... L Dettori  
9 (1) 37141 LIZZIE JEAN 44 (H) I Furtado 9-0..... H Doyle  
Probable SP: 4-5 New London, 9-2 Eldar Elgarov, 6 Hoo Ya Mal, 7 Haskoy, 14 French Claim, 16 Emily Dickinson.

**FAVOURITES:** 0 1 1 0 0 1 2 1 3

2021: Hurricane Lane 3 9 1 (William Buick) 8-11 Fav C Appleby drawn (4) 10 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK:** NEW LONDON is the favourite but he will be hard to beat. He looked a perfect candidate for this race when landing the Gordon Stakes at Glorious Goodwood. **MAIN DANGER:** HOO YA MAL, the Derby runner-up, was behind the selection at Goodwood but showed he stays when winning the March Stakes back at the track. He never runs a bad race.

**4.30**—P J TOWEY CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (STR) (2) £50,000 added (£25,770) 1m (18)

1 (9) 1400-L1 JOHAN 142 (C&DD5) (S) M Channon 5-9-12..... David Egan  
2 (13) 15-8325 BRUNCH 93 (D3) (G) M Dods 5-9-12..... C Beasley  
3 (5) 1142L3 TYRRENIAN SEA 24 (D3) R Varian 4-9-11..... D Tudhope  
4 (11) 722-202 SYMBOLIZE 37 (BF) (GS) A Baking 5-9-10..... D Probert  
5 (1) 030-94L ASTRO KING 49 (V) (D2) (G) Sir M Stoute 5-9-7..... H Doyle  
6 (7) 3107-L DASHING ROGER 9 (DS) (GS) W Store 5-9-2..... N Currie  
7 (8) 04L212 EMPIRESTATEOFMIND 26 (B) (D5) (S) J J Quinn 4-8-13..... B Robinson

8 (2) 112L-L0 POWER OF BEAUTY 87 (PT) (G) H Palmer 3-8-13..... H Davies (3)  
9 (18) 2860-L1 FLOR DE LA LUNA 16 (HPT) (S) M Appleby 5-8-13..... J Crowley  
10 (6) 026174 FAME AND ACCLAIM 36 (D3) (S) J L Eyre 5-8-13..... P Hanagan  
11 (17) 410361 ATRIUM 23 (D2) C Fellows 3-8-11..... W Buick  
12 (10) 313842 ARTHUR'S REALM 43 (C&DD2) (S) E Dunlop 4-8-11..... Oisín Orr  
13 (12) 2L02L3 GIBURN 16 (S) R Hannon 3-8-10..... P J McDonald  
14 (4) 76L243 BULLACE 22 (D) (G) R Beckett 4-8-9..... C Shepherd  
15 (15) 51-2178 LAASUDDO 43 (C&D) (G) R Hannon 3-8-7..... NON RUNNER  
16 (3) 05-6015 ATASER 65 (C) T Kent 4-8-6..... H Turner  
17 (16) 21-0311 POINT LYNAS 23 (H) (D2) (G) Mrs A Duffield 3-8-2..... R Dawson  
18 (14) 524122 MASTER RICHARD 23 (D2) (G) Mrs A Duffield 3-8-2..... W Pyle (7)

Probable SP: 11-2 Tyrrenian Sea, 13-2 Atrium, 15-2 Astro King, 10 Symbolize, Point Lynas, Bullace, Brunch, 12 Empriestatedmind, Master Richard, 14 Johan, Arthur's Realm, Ataser, Giburn, 16 Fame And Acclaim.

**FAVOURITES:** 1 3 1 0 0 3 1 2 1 1 (W 9-2). **AGES:** 5 4 3 6 5 3 3 4 3 3

2021: Royal Fleet 3 9 1 (William Buick) 11-8 Fav C Appleby drawn (7) 8 ran.

**5.05**—CORAL MALLARD HANDICAP (2) £60,000 added (£32,400) 1m 6f 115yds (13)

1 (3) 13-3L23 MAHRAJAN 23 (BF) (G) W Haggas 4-10-2..... NON RUNNER  
2 (8) 917245 DARK JEDI 16 (S) T Easterby 6-10-1..... D Fentiman  
3 (5) 653-314 INCHCORE 71 (S) A King 5-10-0..... H Doyle  
4 (11) 1-134L2 GOING GONE 36 J Boyle 4-9-13..... P Cosgrave  
5 (12) 283104 MR CURIOSITY 274 (H) (S) C Fellows 5-9-11..... C Shepherd  
6 (7) 021104 HALIPHON 8 I Williams 5-9-11..... B Sanderson (3)  
7 (2) 14A001 THEMAMXECAN 36 (P) (G) C & M Johnston 6-9-11..... C Beasley  
8 (9) 546611 WISE EAGLE 15 (P) (GS) A Nicol 5-9-11..... D Tudhope  
9 (6) 1L3712 SIR CHAUVELIN 16 (GS) J Goldie 10-9-10..... P Mulrennan  
10 (13) 100222 HMS PRESIDENT 15 (D) (G) E J-Houghton 5-9-8..... W Buick  
11 (10) 337142 FAIR STAR 31 (P) B Ellison 6-9-6..... B Robinson  
12 (1) 147L64 MOLLIWOOD 36 (BT) (G) Dylan Cunha 4-9-5..... C Howarth (5)  
13 (4) 2-13121 SONGO 45 (H) (G) M Harris 6-8-12..... P Dobbs

Probable SP: 9-2 Inchicore, 6 Hms President, 7 Wise Eagle, 15-2 Going Gone, 8 Sir Chauvelin, Themamxecan, 10 Songo, Dark Jedi, Haliphon, 14 Mr Curiosity, Fair Star, 16 Moliwood.

**FAVOURITES:** 1 0 3 0 1 1 0 3 2 0 (W 9-3). **AGES:** 3 5 4 4 3 3 4 4 5

2021: Rhythmic Intent 5 9 12 (Hollie Doyle) 6-1 S C Williams drawn (5) 10 ran.





Winning smile:  
Boughey with  
1,000 Guineas  
winner Cachet

JASON BAX

## BY GEORGE, HE'S GOOD!

**GEORGE BOUGHEY Age: 30**

- Studied agriculture & business management at Newcastle University.
- Previously assistant trainer to Hugo Palmer in Newmarket & Gai Waterhouse in Australia
- Granted trainer's licence: 2019
- Career wins: 197
- First victory: Three C's (Lingfield, August 13, 2019)
- Classic wins: Cachet (2022 1,000 Guineas)
- Royal Ascot wins: Missed The Cut (Golden Gates Stakes) & Inver Park (Buckingham Palace Stakes) — both 2022

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## TODAY'S BIG RACE

# Vadeni victory on the cards at the Curragh

CHRISTOPHE Soumillon believes Vadeni will again show he is special when he tries to add this afternoon's Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown to his win in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown in July. The Jean-Claude Rouget-trained French Derby winner faces John and Thady Gosden-trained Eclipse Stakes runner-up Mishriff, who Vadeni beat a head with a sharp burst of speed, plus Aidan O'Brien's one-time Derby hope Luxembourg, the 2,000 Guineas runner-up who returned from a long break to win at the Curragh last month. Soumillon said: 'It was a surprising win in the French Derby when Vadeni won

amazingly well that day. Since that day we are dreaming high. 'We went to Sandown hoping he was in the same good form and he produced exactly what we were hoping for. It was a very strong race — there were not a lot of runners, but the quality was high. I think it was the best Eclipse we have seen for a long time. 'I think Mishriff will be the main danger for me again. He was a bit unlucky at Sandown.' With James Doyle out injured, Ireland's champion jockey Colin Keane has picked up the ride on Mishriff, who was brushed aside by the outstanding Baaeed in York's International Stakes last month.

**MARCUS TOWNEND**

## LEOPARDSTOWN RTV

**3.45** —IRISH CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1) (1) £840,336 added (E487,395) 1m 2f (7)

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|---|-----|---------|---|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | (3) | 29-161L | ALEQUER 70 (D3) (S) W Haggas (UK)           | 4-9-9         | T Marquand  |
| 2 | (7) | 20-5144 | BROOME 14 (C&D2D3BF) (GS) A P O'Brien 4-9-8 | W M Lordan    |             |
| 3 | (5) | 14-L232 | MISHRIFF 24 (D4) (GS) J & T Gosden (UK)     | 5-9-9         | C T Keane   |
| 4 | (6) | 111-31  | LUXEMBOURG 26 (D) (S) A P O'Brien 3-9-3     | R L Moore     |             |
| 5 | (4) | 12-8151 | ONESTO 58 (T) (D) (S) F Chappet 3-9-3       | S Pasquier    |             |
| 6 | (1) | 2-11635 | STONE AGE 35 (C&DD) A P O'Brien 3-9-3       | J A Heffernan |             |
| 7 | (2) | 13-5111 | VADENI 70 (D2) (GS) J C Rouget (FR)         | 3-9-3         | C Soumillon |

Probable SP: 5-4 Vadeni, 10-3 Mishriff, 7-2 Luxembourg, 6 Onesto, 16 Alequer, 20 Stone Age.

FAVOURITES: 2 2 2 1 3 0 1 1 2 1 AGES: 5 4 3 3 3 5 3 4 3 3

2021: St Mark's Basilica 3 9 3 (Ryan Moore) 5-6 Fav A P O'Brien drawn (4) 4 ran.

## CURRAGH SUNDAY RTV ITV4

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ROBIN GOODFELLOW</b> | <b>GIMCRACK</b>         |
| 1.50 La Petite Coco     | 1.50 Above The Curve    |
| 2.25 Highfield Princess | 2.25 Highfield Princess |
| 3.00 Tahiyra            | 3.00 Meditate           |
| 3.35 Aesop's Fables     | 3.35 Marbaan            |
| 4.10 Kyprios            | 4.10 Kyprios            |

## 1.50 —MOYGLARE 'JEWELS' BLANDFORD STAKES (FILLIES' AND MARES' GROUP 2) (1) £168,067 (£100,840) 1m 2f (13)

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|----|------|---------|--|---------------|
| 1  | (1)  | 2111-13 | LA PETITE COCO 24 (C&D2) (S) P Twomey 4-9-11   | W J Lee       |
| 2  | (11) | 452374  | EMPHATIC ANSWER 24 (C) (S) J P O'Brien 4-9-8   | D McMonagle   |
| 3  | (12) | 41L4-22 | INSINUENDO 29 (CD) W McCreery 5-9-8            | C T Keane     |
| 4  | (7)  | 7-41341 | RUMBLES OF THUNDER 30 (D) (S) P Twomey 4-9-8   | S Foley       |
| 5  | (9)  | 3-121   | ABOVE THE CURVE 105 (D2) (S) J P O'Brien 3-9-5 | R L Moore     |
| 6  | (5)  | 70112   | DIDN'THAYEMUCHTOD 32 J P O'Brien 3-9-2         | D McDonogh    |
| 7  | (10) | 122165  | GALLERIA BORGHESI 16 (D) A P O'Brien 3-9-2     | J A Heffernan |
| 8  | (3)  | 4L-1274 | LYRICAL POETRY 32 (H) (DBF) J P Murtagh 3-9-2  | C D Hayes     |
| 9  | (2)  | 11036   | ONE FOR BOBBY 45 (T) J P Murtagh 3-9-2         | B M Coen      |
| 10 | (6)  | 221     | ONLY 31 A P O'Brien 3-9-2                      | W M Lordan    |
| 11 | (13) | 724325  | SEISAI 15 (S) J P O'Brien 3-9-2                | S M Crosse    |
| 12 | (8)  | 423231  | SUNSET SHIRAZ 327 G Cromwell 3-9-2             | G F Carroll   |
| 13 | (4)  | 1-74999 | WEST COAST 16 A P O'Brien 3-9-2                | E J McLamara  |

Probable SP: 15-8 La Petite Coco, 7-2 Above The Curve, 5 Insinuendo, 13-2 Rumbles Of Thunder, 14 One For Bobby, Only, Didn'thavemuchtod.

FAVOURITES: 1 0 1 2 2 0 1 2 2 2 AGES: 3 4 3 5 3 4 4 3 3 3

2021: La Petite Coco 3 9 2 (Billy Lee) 16-5 P Twomey drawn (1) 8 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK: LA PETIT COCO** was not disgraced behind Alpini and returns to a track where she has won 3 of her 4 starts including in this race last year. **MAIN DANGER: ABOVE THE CURVE** won a group one in France last time and is significantly partnered by Ryan Moore.

## 2.25 —AL BASTI EQUIWORLD, DUBAI FLYING FIVE STAKES (GROUP 1) (1) £336,134 added (£201,681) 5f (19)

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|----|------|---------|--|--------------|---------------|
| 1  | (2)  | 5-12130 | A CASE OF YOU 85 (T) (CD) (S) A McGuinness 4-9-6   | R Whelan     |               |
| 2  | (8)  | 7-2015  | DRAGON SYMBOL 23 (H) (D2) (G) R Varian (UK)        | 4-9-6        | S Foley       |
| 3  | (15) | 6-34112 | EROSANDPSYCHE 16 (V) (D4BF) (G) P Twomey 4-9-6     | W J Lee      |               |
| 4  | (13) | 654098  | GUSTAVUS WESTON 36 (C3) (S) Joseph G Murphy 6-9-6  | G F Carroll  |               |
| 5  | (9)  | 121128  | RAASEL 23 (D9) (GS) M Appleby (UK)                 | 5-9-6        | J Watson      |
| 6  | (17) | 21921-6 | THE HIGHWAY RAT 16 (D3) A Oliver 4-9-6             | W M Lordan   |               |
| 7  | (11) | 11242-5 | CASTLE STAR 57 (C&DC) J A Stack 3-9-5              | J P Spencer  |               |
| 8  | (1)  | 35-5383 | CATURRA 44 (P) (D2) (GS) C Cox (UK)                | 3-9-5        | A Kirby       |
| 9  | (18) | 58-5471 | EBRO RIVER 42 (B) (CD2) (S) H Palmer (UK)          | 3-9-5        | B Curtis      |
| 10 | (14) | 112160  | NEW YORK CITY 23 (D) A P O'Brien 3-9-5             | R L Moore    |               |
| 11 | (10) | 1L13L7  | CHOCQUINTO 16 (C&DD3) (G) Miss H McLoughlin 5-9-3  | A J Slattery |               |
| 12 | (7)  | 211611  | HIGHFIELD PRINCESS 23 (D) (GS) J J Quinn (UK)      | 5-9-3        | J Hart        |
| 13 | (11) | 0-23242 | MOONISTA 57 (C&DD2BF) J Davison 4-9-3              | C T Keane    |               |
| 14 | (1)  | 1310-10 | ROMANTIC PROPOSAL 64 (C&DD2) E Lynam 6-9-3         | C D Hayes    |               |
| 15 | (5)  | 21-4116 | BROSTAIGH 57 (D2) (S) J P O'Brien 3-9-2            | D McMonagle  |               |
| 16 | (12) | 2-42310 | FLOTUS 23 (GS) S E Crisford (UK)                   | 3-9-2        | J A Heffernan |
| 17 | (12) | 31-2317 | GEOCENTRIC 57 (D3) G M Lyons 3-9-2                 | Mark Enright |               |
| 18 | (6)  | 132-201 | LADIES CHURCH 57 (T) (C&DD2) (G) J P Murtagh 3-9-2 | B M Coen     |               |
| 19 | (8)  | 4530L8  | SALUTE 16 (T) (D) A Murray 3-9-2                   | G Halpin     |               |

Probable SP: 7-4 Highfield Princess, 13-2 Moonista, Romantic Proposal, 8 A Case Of You, Ladies Church, 10 Dragon Symbol, Ebro River, 12 Raasel, Flotus.

FAVOURITES: 0 2 1 1 0 1 0 2 0 AGES: 5 3 5 8 4 3 3 3 4 5

2021: Romantic Proposal 5 9 3 (C Hayes) 16-1 E Lynam drawn (13) 13 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK: HIGHFIELD PRINCESS** is arguably the best sprinter in Europe at the moment after she followed her win in France's Prix Maurice de Gheest with a scintillating performance in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York.

**MAIN DANGER: A CASE OF YOU** has been a bit below par but has claims on last year's 2nd place and his win in the 2021 Prix de L'Abbaye de Longchamp.

**TRACK FACTS:** R-H course. GOING: Straight: yielding; round: good to yielding. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Top jockey: Colin Keane. Top trainer: A P O'Brien. Placed in the race last year: 1.15 Big Gossey (1st); Gulliver (4th); 1.50 La Petite Coco (1st); 2.25 Romantic Proposal (1st); A Case Of You (2nd); 5.20 Max Mayhem (1st); Finans Bay (4th). Headgear first time: 1.15 Exquisite Acclaim, 1.50 Lyrical Poetry, 3.00 Gan Teorainn, 4.10 Search For A Song, Manu Et Corde, 4.45 Red Sky At Night, 5.20 Team Of Firsts. Longest travellers: 16 runners from the UK. Drop in Class: None today. First run since wind surgery: None today.

## 3.00 —MOYGLARE STUD STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 1) (1) (2-Y-0) £336,134 added (£201,681) 7f (12)

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|----|------|--------|--|-------------|-------------|
| 1  | (1)  | 31     | AMAZING SHOW 51 (D) G M Lyons 9-2              | C T Keane   |             |
| 2  | (3)  | 93     | ETERNAL SILENCE 15 J Harrington 9-2            | S Foley     |             |
| 3  | (11) | 21L    | GAN TEORAINN 22 (B) J S Bolger 9-2             | K J Manning |             |
| 4  | (5)  | 6213L7 | LA DOLCE VITA 15 (D) Donnacha O'Brien 9-2      | G M Ryan    |             |
| 5  | (4)  | 3131   | LAKOTA SIOUX 36 (D2) (G) C & M Johnston (UK)   | 9-2         | R Kingscote |
| 6  | (12) | 1111   | MEDITATE 22 (C&CD) (G) A P O'Brien 9-2         | R L Moore   |             |
| 7  | (6)  | 3113   | NEVER ENDING STORY 22 (C&DDBF) A P O'Brien 9-2 | W M Lordan  |             |
| 8  | (9)  | 1612   | PAPILLO 37 (C) J A Stack 9-2                   | J P Spencer |             |
| 9  | (2)  | 712    | SHELTON 15 (C&DBF) P Twomey 9-2                | W J Lee     |             |
| 10 | (10) | 15L1   | SYDNEYARMS CHELSEA 40 (D2) (S) C Hills (UK)    | 9-2         | R Hornby    |
| 11 | (7)  | 1      | TAHIYRA 47 (D) D K Weld 9-2                    | C D Hayes   |             |
| 12 | (8)  | 13     | THORN BROOK 22 (D) J P O'Brien 9-2             | D McDonogh  |             |

Probable SP: 4-5 Meditate, 9-2 Tahiyra, 8 Never Ending Story, 10 Thornbrook, Sydneyarms Chelsea, 14 Papilio.

FAVOURITES: 0 3 1 0 0 1 3 2 0

2021: Discoveries 2 9 2 (Shane Foley) 17-2 J Harrington drawn (8) 8 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK: TAHIYRA** is a sister to the brilliant Tarnawa and was a very easy winner on debut at Galway in a race her trainer has used to launch some stable stars. **MAIN DANGER: MEDITATE** looks a pretty obvious threat having won the Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Debutante Stakes at this track.

## 3.35 —GOFFS VINCENT O'BRIEN NATIONAL STAKES (GROUP 1) (2-Y-0) £336,134 added (£201,681) 7f (6)

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|---|-----|------|--|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | (3) | 11   | AESOP'S FABLES 22 (C&D) A P O'Brien 9-5          | R L Moore     |             |
| 2 | (5) | 21   | AL RIFFA 36 (C&D) J P O'Brien 9-5                | D McMonagle   |             |
| 3 | (1) | 212  | HANS ANDERSEN 22 (C&D) A P O'Brien 9-5           | J A Heffernan |             |
| 4 | (4) | 3111 | MARBAAN 47 (D2) (G) C Fellows (UK)               | 9-5           | J P Spencer |
| 5 | (6) | 113  | PROUD AND REGAL 22 (C&DDBF) Donnacha O'Brien 9-5 | G M Ryan      |             |
| 6 | (2) | 3113 | SHARTASH 36 (C) J P Murtagh 9-5                  | B M Coen      |             |

Probable SP: 4-5 Aesop's Fables, 11-2 Marbaan, 6 Hans Andersen, 13-2 Proud And Regal, 10 Al Riffa, 12 Shartash.

FAVOURITES: 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 3 2

2021: Native Trail 2 9 5 (William Buick) 7-2 C Appleby drawn (7) 7 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK: AESOP'S FABLES** had Hans Andersen and Proud And Regal behind him when staying on strongly to win the C&D Futurity Stakes. **MAIN DANGER: MARBAAN** showed big improvement when winning the Vintage Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

## 4.10 —COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL IRISH ST. LEGER (GROUP 1) (1) £420,168 added (£243,697) 1m 6f (11)

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| 1  | (2)  | 217-551  | CAMORRA 79 (BT) (C&D) (S) G M Lyons 5-9-11              | C T Keane    |             |
| 2  | (8)  | 24-147-1 | HAMISH 129 (D2) (GS) W Haggas (UK)                      | 6-9-11       | R Kingscote |
| 3  | (5)  | 1-1-3    | JASON THE MILITANT 75 (T) (BF) (S) H De Bromhead 8-9-11 | R Whelan     |             |
| 4  | (6)  | 14-1111  | KYPRIOS 47 (D2) (GS) A P O'Brien 4-9-11                 | R L Moore    |             |
| 5  | (1)  | 581-121  | RAISE YOU 29 (C&D3) (S) J P O'Brien 6-9-11              | S M Crosse   |             |
| 6  | (4)  | 14-10-18 | SEATTLE CREEK 29 (P) L Comer 4-9-11                     | N M Crosse   |             |
| 7  | (11) | 4-140-18 | SHANROE 22 (T) (C&DD2) (S) K Thornton 8-9-11            | R Colgan     |             |
| 8  | (9)  | 25-0167  | PRINCESS ZOE 47 (C) (GS) A Mullins 7-9-8                | J M Sheridan |             |
| 9  | (7)  | 111D12   | ROSSCARBERY 21 (D) (S) P Twomey 4-9-8                   | W J Lee      |             |
| 10 | (10) | 14-2472  | SEARCH FOR A SONG 29 (T) (C&DD2) (G) D K Weld 6-9-8     | C D Hayes    |             |
| 11 | (3)  | 6353L1   | MANU ET CORDE 31 (BE) J S Bolger 3-9-2                  | K J Manning  |             |

Probable SP: 4-9 Kyprios, 5 Raise You, 8 Hamish, 10 Rossicarbery, 16 Search For A Song, 20 Camorra.

FAVOURITES: 0 0 0 1 3 1 0 0 2 AGES: 6 4 6 3 7 5 3 3 4 4

2021: Sonnyboylliston 4 9 11 (Ben Hayes) 4-1 J P Murtagh drawn (12) 13 ran.

**GOODFELLOW'S PICK: KYPRIOS** probably hasn't got the credit he deserves for winning the Ascot Gold Cup and Goodwood Cup and should be effective at this slightly shorter distance. **MAIN DANGER: HAMISH** is a talented performer when he gets dig in the ground and this distance looks ideal.

## HOTSPOTS

**CAPTAIN HEATH TRIO**  
DOUBLE OR BUBBLE (nap) (Doncaster, 3.20)  
TANMAWY (nb) (Doncaster, 1.00)  
CHALDEAN (Doncaster, 12.30)

**WORK WHISPER**  
GIAVELLOTTO (Doncaster, 3.55)  
**WEIGHTING GAME**  
WADE'S MAGIC (Chepstow, 3.10) Down 6lb from last winning mark.  
**BURNT FINGERS**  
ABLE KANE (Doncaster, 1.00)

## CHEPSTOW SUNDAY SSR

## 1.25 —APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 5f 16yds (5)

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|---|-----|-----|---|------------------------|
| 1 | (4) | 6L0 | AUTUMN ANGEL 321 A Carroll 3-9-9              | Mollie Phillips (3)    |
| 2 | (2) | 467 | CORONATION COTTAGE 12 (C&DD4) (GS) M Saunders | 8-9-4 C Hutchinson (3) |

3 (5) L42 NACHO 30 (PT) (D3) D McCain 4-9-1 H Russell

4 (1) 133 FOSSOS 3 (BT) (C&DD2) (GS) D Faulkner 4-8-13

5 (3) L98 KASWARAH 3 (P) J G O'Shea 4-8-9 G Mangan (3)

Probable SP: 11-8 Nacho, 9-4 Fossos, 9-2 Coronation Cottage, 6 Autumn Angel, 16 Kaswarah.

## 2.00 —MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-0) £6,800 added (£3,672) 5f 16yds (7)

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|---|-----|--------------------|--|---------------|
| 1 | (4) | 225                | BETWEENTHISTICKS 13 M Channon 9-7          | G Bass (3)    |
| 2 | (3) | 7                  | COMMISSION 9 M Trengoning 9-7              | C Bennett     |
| 3 | (7) | CONGRESS C Cox 9-7 | J Fahy                                     |               |
| 4 | (6) | 74                 | CLUEDO 12 H Candy 9-2                      | D O'Neill     |
| 5 | (1) | 2L3                | COMEDIAN LEADER 33 (P) (BF) G Kelleway 9-2 | L Morris      |
| 6 | (2) | 93                 | FURNICOE 75 G Kelleway 9-2                 | S Osborne (3) |
| 7 | (5) | 673                | OUR FLORENTINE 11 (P) G Boughey 9-2        | B Sayette (3) |

Probable SP: 5-2 Betweenthsticks, 7-2 Our Florentine, Commission, 11-2 Comedian Leader, 13-2 Congress, 10 Cluedo, 20 Furnicoe.

## 2.35 —MAIDEN STAKES (5) £8,000 added (£4,320) 5f 16yds (7)

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|---|-----|-----|--|-----------------|
| 1 | (4) | 65  | ANGUS DE BULL 24 J G O'Shea 6-9-8        | Gina Mangan (5) |
| 2 | (5) | 5   | CLOUD CUCKOO 18 H Candy 3-9-7            | D O'Neill       |
| 3 | (7) | 63L | MY GENGHIS 34 A Carroll 3-9-7            | L Morris        |
| 4 | (1) | 8   | BUDDY'S BEAUTY 127 (H) J Gallagher 3-9-2 | F Marsh         |
| 5 | (6) | 442 | ISCHIA 20 (BF) J Fanshawe 3-9-2          | B Sayette (3)   |
| 6 | (2) | 123 | LA EQUINATA 20 M Murphy & M Keary 3-9-2  | T Fisher (7)    |

Probable SP: 11-10 Ischia, 10-3 My Genghis, 4 La Equinata, 6 Oasis Gift, 14 Cloud Cuckoo.

## 3.10 —HANDICAP (2) £25,000 added (£12,885) 6f 16yds (13)

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|---|------|------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | (10) | 8-24 | CHURCHILL BAY 29 (T) C Cox 4-9-12         | J Fahy              |
| 2 | (9)  | 56L  | BLUEBELL TIME 3 (CD) (S) M Saunders 6-9-6 | T Whelan            |
| 3 | (1)  | 439  | UNDER CURFEW 16 (CD2) (G) A Carroll 6-9-5 | Mollie Phillips (5) |

4 (8) 121 BONITA B 13 (P) (D2) (S) M Channon 3-9-3 G Bass (3)

5 (11) 261 CABEZA DE LLAVE 21 (G) M Attwater 3-9-1 D O'Neill

6 (13) 434 SYMBOL OF HOPE 25 (P) (D) (G) G Harris 4-8-13

7 (6) 243 HANDYTALK 13 (CD4) (GS) B Millman 9-8-13 O Searle (7)

8 (3) 255 VAPAGE 16 (P) (D3) (S) J Flint 5-8-12 W Cox

9 (2) 274 DELAGATE THIS LORD 32 (D4) (GS) S Hodgson 8-8-12





Master and apprentice: Vettel with Schumacher in 2006

GETTY IMAGES

# Sebastian Vettel is leaving F1 after 15 years I wasn't axed... it was

**S**EBASTIAN Vettel is a riddle wrapped up in racing overalls. Or last week in a T-shirt that read: 'Climate Justice Now.' Well, not quite now, as it happens, but at the end of the season, when the quadruple world champion leaves Formula One aged 35.

As engaging as he once was quick, still intelligent and likable, he has transformed himself into an eco-warrior in recent seasons, which he knows is a have-your-cake-and-eat-it proposition in the gas-guzzling game.

Alas, he is not the performer he was, and languishes 12th in the standings. So lightning bright was he as a youngster that he was fast-tracked into Toro Rosso and then to Red Bull. He won all his titles between 2010 and 2013. Heavens, he claimed nine race victories back to back — and we think Max



**JONATHAN McEVOY**  
at Monza

Verstappen has made this season predictable.

There were a few turning points in Vettel's story. His sojourn at Ferrari yielded 14 wins but no titles after two close calls, so that was mission unaccomplished. If there was an emblem of failure it was him binning it in the wet while leading his home race at Hockenheim in 2018.

He left Ferrari and joined Aston Martin, where his form has been sadly punctuated by errors.

And in Hungary before the summer break, he announced he was leaving — not least to make time for wife Hanna and their three children.

But there are rumours he was sacked. The bombastic Aston

Martin owner Lawrence Stroll is not famed for his patience, and it is highly believable he pulled the trigger. Vettel's predecessor, Sergio Perez, learned of his dismissal by overhearing Stroll impart the news on the phone to someone else.

One theory is that Vettel's backing of 'Just Stop Oil' protesters at Silverstone after they ran on the track was the last straw.

So what's the truth? Did he jump or was he pushed?

'No, I wasn't sacked,' says the German, sitting inside the team motorhome ahead of tomorrow's Italian Grand Prix.

'A lot of things led me to my decision. The environmental concerns are only one reason. Seeing my kids grow up is another.'

And as for his stance on the climate?

'People say I am greenwashing,' he says, acknowledging the rub in travelling to 22 races across the world. 'I am and we are, but I try to do what I can. I am fortunate

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enough to have money to implement solar panels on my roof. I can afford an electric car. I choose to drive to every race in Europe rather than fly, apart from Silverstone and Hungary.

'Coming to my views on the environment wasn't a trauma, a sudden thing. It's just that I have visited so many places around the world and seen changes.'

'Now we don't have any snow. Forest fires are in Germany, France, London. There's drought in the summer.'

'Having my own children is a factor in seeing things in the way I now do. Life isn't only yours.'

I wonder whether in light of his views he might consider either quitting now or working for free rather than accept money from Saudi-owned Aramco, the third of the three biggest oil companies in the world that have paid him his fortune.

'Um,' he says. 'We drivers are not running the sport.'

'To give you the truth, if they paid us 10 per cent of what we are getting we'd all still be here because we love driving. Yes, we are burning fuel to race, otherwise we wouldn't go anywhere. But it is not our job to sign up various sponsors along the way.'

'I have lots of ideas and when I step away from the sport we will see what I can do with my money, though it is a very private question. I'd like to implement change and help kids, perhaps set something up — I could put money into that.'

What about becoming a politician? 'No, it's a very difficult job.' Vettel will be replaced next

## Monza kicks off with tributes to Her Majesty

THERE was a minute's silence for the Queen and the shows went on. When practice started it was Ferrari leading the way ahead of the Italian president's visit to Monza tomorrow. Mercedes duo Lewis Hamilton and George Russell stood next to Formula One's bosses, Stefano Domenicali and Mohammed ben Sulayem as the silence was observed in the pit lane. Personnel from the 10 teams — seven of which are based in the UK — gathered outside their garages as a giant black-and-white image of the Queen was beamed on the podium. Whether the usual

By **JONATHAN McEVOY**

sparkling wine will be sprayed remains under discussion. Most of the 125,000-crowd expected will hope it will be a Ferrari man on the top step. There is a decent chance of that after Carlos Sainz set the fastest time of yesterday, but the Scuderia have not claimed a victory in the last four races as Max Verstappen has galloped to victory in them all to move 109 points clear of his nearest challenger, Sainz's teammate Charles Leclerc, who had set the pace in the first session.

Hamilton was seventh quickest and that is not the end of his woes. He will go to the back of the grid for taking on a fourth engine. Verstappen and Sainz will also be relegated. The world champion has a new internal combustion engine in his power unit and regresses five slots. Sainz has a glut of engine changes and is destined to start further down the order with Hamilton. The seven-time world champion, who received his MBE from the Queen in 2009, paid tribute to the deceased monarch, saying: 'Since the sad news yesterday, I've been reflecting on her incredible life.'

'She was a symbol of hope and she served her country with dignity, dedication and kindness. 'She was truly like no other and I'm grateful to have lived during her time. I had the incredible honour of being able to spend time with her. It is something I'll never forget. 'We talked about our shared love of dogs and she was incredibly generous with her time. 'I know the whole nation and others around the world will be mourning her loss. My thoughts are with her family and all those close to her, who have lost a loved one. Rest in peace.'

## HOW THEY STAND DRIVERS

1 VERSTAPPEN (Red Bull)	310
2 LECLERC (Ferrari)	201
3 PEREZ (Red Bull)	201
4 RUSSELL (Mercedes)	188
5 SAINZ (Ferrari)	175
6 HAMILTON (Mercedes)	158

## CONSTRUCTORS

1 RED BULL	511
2 FERRARI	376
3 MERCEDES	346





Glory days: Vettel enjoys his 2012 title and (right) takes a stand  
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## It's all go for Lafai after ditching stop signs

### RUGBY LEAGUE

By ROSS HEPPENSTALL

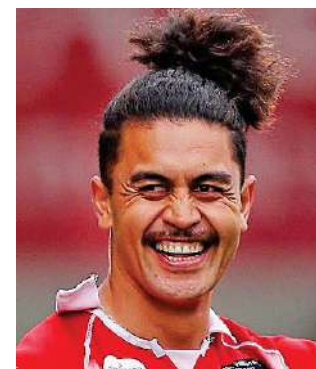
A HARSH winter in Salford is no substitute for the sun-kissed beaches of Sydney; the Super League will never compare to the NRL.

But as Tim Lafai prepares for today's play-off eliminator against Huddersfield Giants, the Samoan centre can reflect on a season which has already proved beyond his fondest imaginings.

After a decade playing Down Under, Lafai's career was on the slide and he wound up working as a traffic control officer on construction sites around Sydney. But then last December — after a year out of rugby league — Paul Rowley's Red Devils offered 31-year-old Lafai a lifeline.

He took it and helped take Salford into the play-offs after a brilliant campaign which saw him named in the Super League Dream Team. Lafai said: 'Moving to Salford was a sliding doors moment. Twelve months ago, I was working in traffic control, holding up a "stop/slow" sign, and also labouring. I was going through a dark time, working six days a week, getting up at four in the morning.

'They were 12-hour days and some days I wouldn't see my four kids.



Passion play: Tim Lafai GETTY

Now I get downtime with them and it's little things like dropping them off at school or spending time with them on their birthdays. 'Playing for Salford has made me rediscover my passion for the game.'

Salford operate with the lowest playing budget in Super League but Rowley has worked wonders in his first year in charge after Richard Marshall was axed following last season's second-bottom finish.

Rowley has taken unwanted and inexpensive players and transformed the Red Devils into a well-organised, highly-motivated force who punch above their weight.

Lafai, who has formed a potent partnership on Salford's left-edge with winger Joe Burgess, added: 'Rowls just gets the best out of each player. The mood in the camp is confident but now it's time to work even harder.

'Huddersfield are a top-four team for a reason, so we've got to go toe to toe and be better than them.' That today's opponents are managed by ex-Salford coach Ian Watson, who jumped ship to join Huddersfield in November 2020, adds spice to the showdown. Lafai added: 'Of course there is going to be that extra tension, but we'll let the fans drive that stuff.'

# and four world titles, but he insists... my call to quit

season by Spaniard Fernando Alonso — at 41, six years his senior and the man he replaced at Ferrari back in 2015.

Here in Monza, Vettel (right) considers his six years in the red car, carrying Italy's hopes on this shoulders.

'I had a brilliant time,' he says. 'I got to know Italy from a different point of view.

'But my big target was to win the championship and we failed. I scored too few points. I crashed when I shouldn't have. We weren't quick enough when we needed to be.

'But I have no major regrets. The smash at Hockenheim is a small one. If I could go back, I'd have braked even earlier!

'But that doesn't matter so much as that I tried most of the time to treat people the way I wanted to be treated.'



## SUPER SEB'S F1 CAREER

AS HE prepares to say farewell at the end of the season, here are Vettel's numbers from his 15 years at the top level.

WORLD TITLES...	4
RACES...	293
VICTORIES...	53
PODIUMS...	122
POLE POSITIONS...	57

■ HIS first world title in 2010, aged 23, made him the youngest champion in the history of the sport.

■ VETTEL is tied with Michael Schumacher for the most wins in a season (13 in 2013).

■ BUT the German's last race win was back in 2019 for Ferrari in Singapore.

### VETTEL'S JOURNEY SO FAR...

2007: Makes his F1 debut.  
2008: Vettel wins with Toro Rosso at Monza, becoming the then youngest-ever GP winner, aged 21.

2009: Moves to Red Bull.

2010: Wins the world title.

2011: Defends his title.

2012: Wins his 3rd world title.

2013: Vettel seals his 4th consecutive championship.

2014: Fails to win a race all season and moves to Ferrari.

2018: Finishes 2nd to Lewis Hamilton two years in a row.

2020: Vettel finishes 13th. His Ferrari contract isn't renewed and he joins Aston Martin.

2022: Announces retirement.

## Archer to join training camp

ENGLAND are planning to invite Jofra Archer on their red-ball winter training camp to help the fast bowler's comeback from injury. Archer, 27, is sidelined with the second stress fracture of the back of his career, but hopes to return to gentle bowling this month. He began 2022 rehabilitating his right elbow after a pre-Christmas operation, only for scans to then pick up the back injury on the eve of a playing return in June. Now it is anticipated he could finally be match-fit by the end of the year, barring any further setbacks. The

### CRICKET

By RICHARD GIBSON

ECB's medical team have refused to pressure the Sussex bowler by placing a target date on his return. But he could travel to Abu Dhabi on a pre-Pakistan Test tour gathering in November, which will also include England Lions players heading for Sri Lanka in early 2023. Fellow bowler Mark Wood has joined the third Test set-up at the Oval this week as he builds fitness ahead of the Twenty20 tour of Pakistan.

### SPORT IN BRIEF

#### ■ CYCLING

VUELTA A ESPAÑA (Spain) — Stage 19 (Talavera de la Reina to Talavera de la Reina): 1 M Pedersen (Den) Trek-Segafredo 3hrs 19mins 11secs, 2 F Wright (GB) Bahrain Victorious, 3 G Vermeersch (Bel) Alpecin-Deceuninck, 4 B Turner (GB) INEOS Grenadiers. Overall: 1 R Evenepoel (Bel) Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team 73hrs 18mins 23secs.

#### ■ FORMULA ONE

ITALIAN GRAND PRIX (Monza) — 2nd Practice: 1 C Sainz Jr. (Sp) Ferrari 1min 21.664secs, 2 M Verstappen (Hol) Red Bull 1:21.807, 3 C Leclerc (Mon) Ferrari 1:21.857, 4 L Norris (GB) McLaren 1:22.338, 5 G Russell (GB) Mercedes GP 1:22.386, 6 S Perez (Mex) Red Bull 1:22.394, 7 L Hamilton (GB) Mercedes GP 1:22.503, 8 E Ocon (F) Alpine 1:22.728, 9 F Alonso (Sp) Alpine 1:22.752, 10 A Albon (Tha) Williams 1:22.835.

#### ■ TODAY'S ACTION

CRICKET — Women's First Twenty20 International: England v India (Riverside, 7.00pm). Third Test Match—day 3 of 5: England v South Africa (The Kia Oval, 11.00am).

ICE HOCKEY — Premier Sports Challenge Cup Group A: Fife v Dundee. Elite League: Manchester v Coventry, Nottingham v Guildford, Sheffield v Cardiff.

RUGBY LEAGUE — Betfred Super League Play-Off Round 1 (1.0): Huddersfield v Salford. Ch'ship (3.0): Whitehaven v Newcastle.

RUGBY UNION — Gallagher Premiership (3.0): Exeter v Leicester, London Irish v Worcester, Newcastle v Harlequins, Bristol v Bath (5.30).

#### ■ TOMORROW

CRICKET — Third ODI: Australia v New Zealand (Cairns, 05.20am).

ICE HOCKEY — Elite League: Cardiff v Manchester, Coventry v Nottingham, Guildford v Sheffield. Premier Sports Challenge Cup Group A: Dundee Stars v Glasgow Clan.

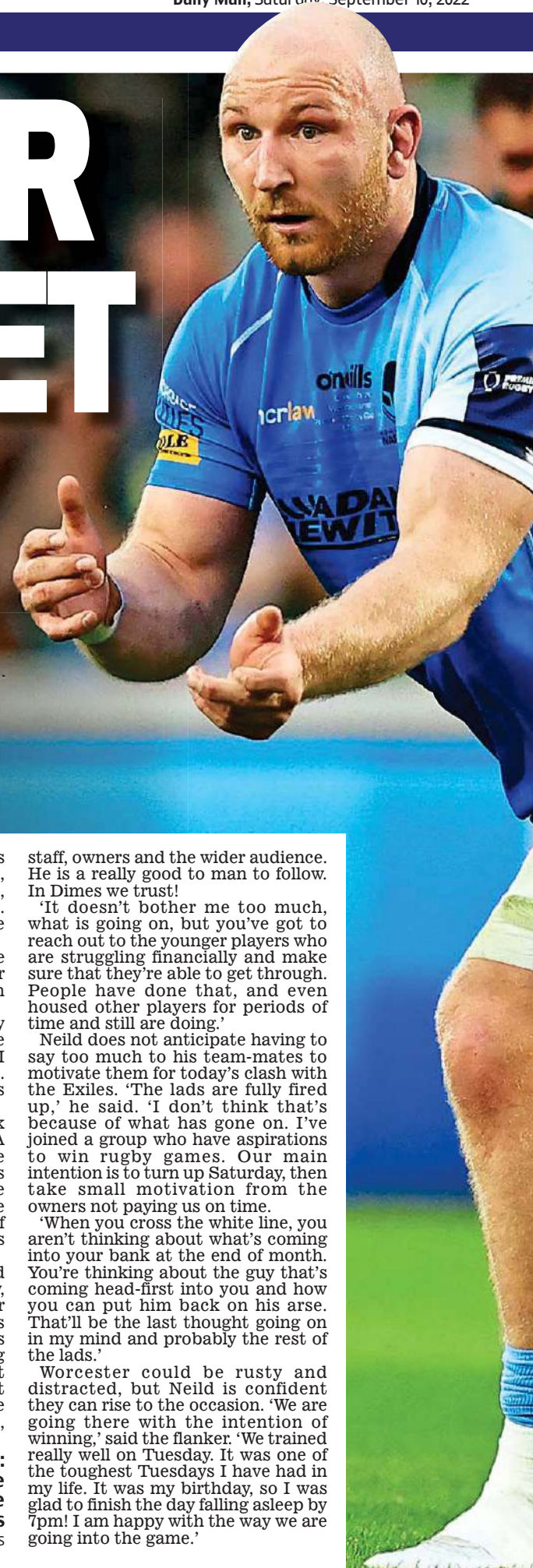
RUGBY LEAGUE — Betfred Championship (3.0): Bradford v Widnes, Halifax v Featherstone, Leigh v Batley, London Broncos v Barrow, York v Workington.

RUGBY UNION — Gallagher Premiership (3.0): Gloucester v Wasps, Sale v Northampton.



# OUR WARRIOR SPIRIT CAN GET US THROUGH

Financially-stricken Worcester hope adversity will fire them to victory against Irish today



**W**ORCESTER are as ready as they can be for a game they feared might not happen, as the future of the club hung in the balance. What they lack in preparation, they hope to make up for with unity.

This afternoon, Steve Diamond's Warriors will seek to put aside the financial turmoil which has engulfed them and make a sporting statement in their Premiership opener against London Irish in Brentford. There is still uncertainty behind the scenes, as staff wait for wages and takeover talks rumble on — with the threat of administration and relegation looming — but Worcester's players are ready to demonstrate their professionalism and purpose.

Matt Kvesic began his career at Sixways and, having returned to the club who gave him his shot, the 30-year-old flanker explained how Diamond's squad have coped with the recent upheaval. 'There has been dark humour; boys offering to pay for the little one's meal — the old beans-on-toast chat,' he said.

'If you don't laugh, you'll cry. The boys have dealt with it well. Humour is important in situations like this. It has been quite funny at times, characters have come out of the woodwork and put smiles on faces when boys have been pretty dark.'

'I just have to do my job. At home, it is not ideal. I have got a little

## SPECIAL REPORT



by  
**CHRIS FOY**  
Rugby Correspondent

lad and there is worry about the future. But you can't look too much into the future. You have to stay in the present.'

Kvesic was asked if he had considered leaving and added: 'Not once did I think about jacking it in. I am very focused on here. For me, this is my home. To see where we are now is upsetting.'

'It's something that has brought us closer together. At one point, we didn't know if we were going to be playing another game for Worcester, so it gives you a new perspective and the group has been way more together than I've ever experienced. Hopefully, we'll be able to show that on Saturday. We've got some frustration to let out.'

'We don't want to be victims of this. We don't want to be feeling sorry for ourselves. We don't want to turn up for the first game of the

season and just make the numbers up. If Irish are better than us, fine, but we are not going to just go there, roll over and have our bellies tickled. There is no point in going there if we don't think we can win.'

The Worcester squad and staff have rallied behind Diamond, the director of rugby who has taken the lead in forging a spirit of unity in adversity.

'Dimes laid the law down pretty early on,' said Kvesic. 'He said we are going to ride this out and stay tight. I think we've done that pretty well. The attitude has been good; as positive as you can be.'

'You're always going to ask questions about what is going on. A lot of what we see is through the Press and social media, but Dimes has kept us in the loop as much as he can. We just have to take what he says as gospel. He's probably one of the best blokes to have in this situation.'

That sentiment was echoed by the Warriors' captain today, Cameron Neild, a summer recruit from Sale. Worcester's debutant leader knows Diamond from years working with him in the North West and added: 'He's brilliant at getting his message across to the players,

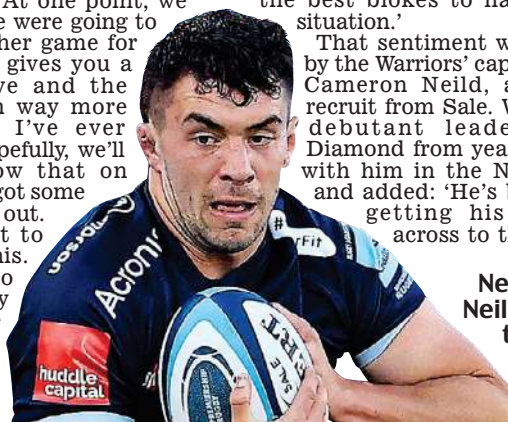
staff, owners and the wider audience. He is a really good man to follow. In Dimes we trust!

'It doesn't bother me too much, what is going on, but you've got to reach out to the younger players who are struggling financially and make sure that they're able to get through. People have done that, and even housed other players for periods of time and still are doing.'

Neild does not anticipate having to say too much to his team-mates to motivate them for today's clash with the Exiles. 'The lads are fully fired up,' he said. 'I don't think that's because of what has gone on. I've joined a group who have aspirations to win rugby games. Our main intention is to turn up on Saturday, then take small motivation from the owners not paying us on time.'

'When you cross the white line, you aren't thinking about what's coming into your bank at the end of month. You're thinking about the guy that's coming head-first into you and how you can put him back on his arse. That'll be the last thought going on in my mind and probably the rest of the lads.'

Worcester could be rusty and distracted, but Neild is confident they can rise to the occasion. 'We are going there with the intention of winning,' said the flanker. 'We trained really well on Tuesday. It was one of the toughest Tuesdays I have had in my life. It was my birthday, so I was glad to finish the day falling asleep by 7pm! I am happy with the way we are going into the game.'



New recruit:  
Neild left Sale  
to join the  
Warriors

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## YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO ALL THE ACTION



Champion: Tigers' Freddie Burns

### EXETER v LEICESTER

(TODAY: Sandy Park, 3pm)

Joe Simmonds lines up at full-back for Exeter, with Harvey Skinner at fly-half. Wales' Christ Tshiunza is at openside, while England pair Henry Slade and Luke Cowan-Dickie aren't in the 23. Kiwi veteran Jimmy Gopperth makes his debut at inside centre for the Tigers, who have Chris Ashton at full-back, as Freddie Stewart is rested.

**PREDICTION: Home win.**

### LONDON IRISH v WORCESTER

(Gtech Community Stadium, 3pm)

Irish have opted to start one of their new England sensations, Will Joseph, on the wing — but Henry Arundell is limited to a bench role. Former Wallaby lock Adam Coleman leads the Exiles. Embattled Worcester are without injured club captain Ted Hill, so Cameron Neild deputises and another new signing, Fergus Lee-Warner, starts at blindside.

**PREDICTION: Home win.**

### NEWCASTLE v HARLEQUINS

(Kingston Park, 3pm)

Dave Walder's first Falcons team as head coach features new signing, Josh Barton, at scrum-half, and prop Phil Brantingham at loosehead for a first league start. England No 8 Alex Dombrandt fills in as skipper for the visitors, who line up with Lewis Gjaltema and Tommy Allan as their unfamiliar starting half-back pair.

**PREDICTION: Away win.**

### BRISTOL v BATH

(Ashton Gate, 5.30pm)

England prop Ellis Genge will start at loosehead for the Bears, to mark a return to his home-town club, while another new signing, Magnus Bradbury, starts at No 8 in a side led by Jake Heenan. Piers Francis wears 10 for Bath, returning lock Dave Attwood will lock horns with former team-mates and Cameron Redpath is back from injury in midfield.

**PREDICTION: Home win.**



## HOW IT ALL WENT WRONG AT SIXWAYS

- Jun 8: *Sportsmail* reveal several Worcester players are considering legal action after not being paid on time for May.
- Aug 17: The Premiership side are issued with a winding-up petition by HMRC. They are told to settle an unpaid tax bill of more than £6million or face liquidation.
- Aug 24: An American consortium, led by former chief executive Jim O'Toole, announces its intention to save the club if they are put into administration.
- Aug 26: Worcester's owners write to all members of staff to deny reports the club are on the brink of administration.
- Aug 30: Staff and players are told they are unlikely to be paid for the month, leading to a potential exodus of players. They pull out of pre-season game a day later.
- Sept 1: Steve Diamond insists Warriors will fulfil their opening fixture.
- Today: Worcester face London Irish despite uncertainty over payment of wages.

# When crowds stop roaring the silence can be deafening

**BRIAN O'DRISCOLL** reveals the torment of coming to terms with retirement in a new documentary

## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

by Neil Goulding

**B**RIAN O'DRISCOLL overcame some fearsome opposition during his rugby playing career.

But after 15 years of highs, triumphs and trophies, the well-loved Irishman found retirement — and the mental struggles that came with it — the toughest challenge of his life.

So much so that he has made a candid documentary about mental health and retired sportsmen.

'My worst fears were that I'd never find anything to live up to the satisfaction levels I'd had,' O'Driscoll tells *Sportsmail*.

'I wanted to examine the aftermath and rediscovery of yourself after you finish playing. I was worried life had literally peaked. It was worrying that my best days were behind me.'

'It's very hard when you've had as many highs as I had, to then find something to mimic it. To even get close is a real challenge. When you're right at the top you don't think to look down but from heights like those, there really is only one way to go.'

'Retirement is something every athlete has to deal with, but when the crowd stops roaring the silence can be deafening.'

O'Driscoll (right) called time on his career in 2014 after, in fitting fashion, winning the Six Nations with his beloved Ireland, for whom he was capped 133 times.

A happily-married family man O'Driscoll, 43, enjoys life now. He is a respected pundit and runs a production company, 3 Rock, who made this documentary with BT Sport. But trying to find the same level of satisfaction he found starring for his country, or playing for Leinster, has been illusive.

His friend Barry Twomey took his own life in 2008 and his death had a lasting effect. The film was a very personal journey for O'Driscoll.

'It's been about trying to find satisfaction in the next realm of life, whatever that may entail,' he said. 'I was nervous what was next having seen friends struggle out the other end and not really finding their feet.'

'I had 15 incredible years as an international, but when it all ended I was confronted with one of the most testing challenges I'd ever faced — life after sport.'

'From the outside my retirement

may have looked easy, but I had my struggles.

'In 21st century UK and Ireland the largest killer of men under-50 is suicide. There's a crisis in men's mental health. And for ex-sportsmen there's a real stigma attached to showing vulnerability.'

'It's not acceptable having mediocrity. Mediocre, I don't ever want to be mediocre at anything.'

'I let myself go for a couple of years after I retired. We went away on a family holiday and mum put together an album, but I opened it up and I was appalled at what I saw.'

'I'd lost my ambition to train and seeing those pictures was a real catalyst for me to get to back on track.'

O'Driscoll's friend, champion jockey AP McCoy, England boss Gareth Southgate, former Australia rugby union coach Michael Cheika, Team GB Olympic boxer turned wrestler Anthony Ogogo and England international cricketer Jonny Bairstow all appear in the film.

McCoy, 48, who retired in 2015 with a record 4,358 winners, found it hard to come to terms with the fact that his best days were behind him.

'I miss the routine, the discipline and the structure but, most of all, I miss winning,' he admitted. 'And in a strange kind of way I miss torture and pain.'

'I knew when I'd won 15 Jockey's Championships I was nearly 36 and I thought then I've got five more years.'

'I'll never be glad I retired, but I know it was the right thing to do. But I'm so stupid, I could probably still go out and do it.'

'I do believe in sport you have to have that mentality and, inwardly, there has to be an egotistical

element to every sportsperson to believe they can do it.'

'I'm a firm believer a sportsman is the only person who dies twice. It's like a different life, it's like everything is taken away and you have to start again.'

'There's nothing like going out on the big stage and needing to perform. You could be (Amazon chairman) Jeff Bezos and have everything in the world, but it's not the same feeling.'

'I miss the high and the low of that, I miss the risk. I miss never being satisfied.'

'In my own head I was the most insecure person for 20 years. I used to sit in a dark room on a Saturday night, looking out of the window at the stars. I used to think to myself, "You're s\*\*\* and you'll never be good again".'

'But even after I'd been c\*\*\*, I'd get up the following morning and that feeling would be gone. I'd promise myself I was going to be good.'

'I know I lived the dream, but I know you can't always be satisfied because someone always beats you.'

England football manager Southgate has turned retirement into great success, especially after his woes as a player for his country.

'My journey was unusual because I became a manager at 32 at Middlesbrough, but retirement hit me three years later after I lost the job,' he admitted.

'I had no purpose and you need that in your life. It left me feeling unfulfilled.'

'I'd had a good career, but by the time I got to 33 I was angry and wanted a new challenge. I've been blessed with opportunity and not everybody gets that.'

O'Driscoll hopes his new film helps sportsmen and sportswomen to be brave and not scared of talking about their struggles.

'It's so important to talk and keep talking, never be scared to put your hand up and say you need help,' he added.

● After *The Roar*, the latest in the BT Sport Films series, will premiere on Friday, September 23, at 10pm on BT Sport 1.

Staying power: Kvesic is focused despite off-field turmoil GETTY IMAGES



Gallagher

PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

### GLOUCESTER v WASPS

(TOMORROW: Kingsholm, 3pm)

Lewis Ludlow is unavailable to lead Gloucester, so Ruan Ackermann will take the armband. He is joined in the back row by Harry Taylor, for his Premiership debut. Wasps have a fresh look, with new arrivals John Ryan, Burger Odendaal and Kiran McDonald in Lee Blackett's starting XV. **PREDICTION: Home win.**

### SALE v NORTHAMPTON

(AJ Bell Stadium, 3pm)

Manu Tuilagi is fit to start in midfield for Sale while the Sharks have new wing recruit Tom O'Flaherty in the XV. Alex Mitchell and James Grayson join forces at half-back for the Saints, who are led by England centre Fraser Dingwall, while Lukhan Salakaia-Loto and Angus Scott-Young make debuts up front. **PREDICTION: Home win.**



# It's NOT win or bust for Potter

## No top four, no problem for new Chelsea manager

**C**HELSEA intend to stick with Graham Potter even if he were to miss out on Champions League qualification.



by **ADRIAN KAJUMBA**

Potter was named as Thomas Tuchel's successor on Thursday, with his new employers expecting a top-four finish to be the minimum achieved this season along with a run deep into Europe's top competition.

However, the Todd Boehly-Clearlake Capital consortium that now own Chelsea are preparing for the long-term with Potter and also the club.

They do not see one year out of the competition as reason to rip up those plans or an outcome that would leave Potter in danger of losing his job.

After assessing Chelsea from top to bottom in their first 100 days they are confident they have got it right in making Potter their first managerial appointment and have full faith in what they have mapped out for the club.

Potter has been handed a five-year contract and is also understood to have been told that he will get the time he needs to make things work. Potter left Brighton

fourth in table, three points clear of Chelsea in sixth.

The Londoners have lost three of their seven games so far this season, including Tuesday's shock Champions League loss against Dinamo Zagreb, which turned out to be Tuchel's final game.

However, according to senior sources, there is an acceptance that Chelsea missed a vital opportunity to gel as a team with much of their transfer business being done towards the end of the window and a firm belief that a much-improved team will emerge as the season progresses, led by new man Potter.

Chelsea's previous regime led by Roman Abramovich were not afraid to sack managers for failing to meet expectations at the end of a season or even part-way through when results or performances were deemed to not be up to scratch, leaving their prospects of success in danger.

Carlo Ancelotti lost his job at the



In it for the long haul: Chelsea's new boss Potter  
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**CHELSEA have finished in the top four in eight of the last 10 seasons, winning the league title twice. Potter guided Brighton to ninth last season, the club's highest top-flight finish.**

end of the 2010-11 season when finishing second but trophyless just a year after winning the club's first — and only — league and cup double. Luiz Felipe Scolari, Andres Villas-Boas, Roberto di Matteo, Jose Mourinho, in his second Chelsea spell, and Frank Lampard all departed mid-season.

The new hierarchy's position on Potter, therefore, represents a shift in outlook from the top of Chelsea.

Potter has proved what he can accomplish and how he can over-achieve given time, part of the

reason Boehly and Co turned to him to replace Tuchel.

He spent more than seven years at Swedish side Ostersund, guiding them from the fourth tier to the first and into the Europa League.

After one season at Swansea, he was appointed Brighton head coach in May 2019 following their 17th-placed finish. He led them to 15th, 16th and ninth — a highest top-flight finish, with record points and goal tallies — having introduced an eye-catching style of play and left in a healthy financial position after improving a string of

players to the extent Brighton have been able to bank significant sums for them.

He will be reunited with one of them at Chelsea in left back Marc Cucurella, who moved to London last month after a year under Potter at Brighton in a deal worth up to £62million.

Potter met and trained his new squad for the first time yesterday. With today's lunchtime trip to Fulham being cancelled following the death of the Queen, Potter is now set to take charge of his first game against RB Salzburg at Stamford Bridge in the Champions League on Wednesday.

## BOOST FOR ARSENAL AS TRIO LEFT OUT OF BRAZIL SQUAD

MIKEL ARTETA will have the opportunity to let his Brazilian stars recharge their batteries during this month's international break after none of them were called up for friendlies against Ghana and Tunisia.

Manager Tite named his squad yesterday for the games that will be played in France, including 11 players from Premier League clubs.

But there were none from early leaders Arsenal and no call-up for Gabriel Jesus (right), despite the striker's brilliant form for his new club after a £47million move from Manchester City. Winger Gabriel Martinelli and centre back Gabriel Magalhaes also miss out. Gunners boss Arteta will not want his players to suffer the disappointment

By **MATT BARLOW** and **JOSUE SEIXAS**

of missing out on the World Cup, but will be delighted to give them a rest during what promises to be a hectic campaign.

If fit, Jesus and Magalhaes are still expected to be included in Tite's squad for the World Cup in November.

'This squad is to give opportunities to others to show themselves,' said the Brazil boss when asked specifically about Jesus.

'He is competing for a spot and he is in a big moment.'

Martinelli's omission is not seen as such

a positive development for his World Cup hopes though because of the strength of competition in his position. Philippe Coutinho, of Aston Villa, also misses out.

'Coutinho is an extraordinary player, Gabriel Jesus too,' said Tite. 'We are talking about David Neres and Martinelli. It's very difficult.'

Liverpool trio Alisson, Fabinho and Roberto Firmino are called up. So are Fred, Antony and Casemiro of Manchester United, Richarlison of Tottenham, Lucas Paqueta of West Ham, Bruno Guimaraes of Newcastle, Ederson of Manchester City and Thiago Silva of Chelsea.

Brazil will take on Ghana in Le Havre on September 23 and Tunisia at the Parc de Princes in Paris four days later. These are their final warm-up fixtures before the World Cup in Qatar.



**EXCLUSIVE**  
By **SAMI MOKBEL**  
Chief Football Reporter

AN EFL sporting director stunned rival clubs by trying to organise a friendly just minutes after the Queen's death was confirmed.

Sportsmail has learned that the club chief contacted staff at opposition clubs with a view to arranging an impromptu weekend game in anticipation of the league fixtures being cancelled. The Queen's passing was announced at 6.30pm on Thursday, and the message from the director in question is said to have arrived no later than 7pm.

Recipients of the request, which was sent on WhatsApp, were left astonished at the timing of the message. It became increasingly clear on Thursday night that

## Shock at friendly plea just after Queen's death

professional football would shut down this weekend in order to pay tribute to the Queen.

All matches in the Premier League and EFL were eventually postponed yesterday morning, leaving clubs with a free weekend. Some clubs have privately complained of logistical issues attached to the postponement of matches, while others would prefer their players to have involvement in a match scenario this weekend to ensure players maintain their sharpness.



# DIER'S D-DAY!

## Last chance of an England recall for Spurs defender

**T**HE case for Eric Dier's England recall, which has been gathering support and good reason for months, will reach its decisive stage in a week when he returns to where it all began.

Tottenham's next game will be Tuesday's Champions League tie at Sporting Lisbon, a club where Dier came through the academy ranks and made his debut in senior football nearly a decade ago.

Two days later, Gareth Southgate will reveal his final England squad selection before the World Cup finals in Qatar, ahead of UEFA Nations League games against Italy and Germany.

It could be quite a week for the 28-year-old Spurs centre back, who has made no secret of his desire to add to his 45 England caps and attend another World Cup.

'That's a clear objective of mine,' he said, in July. 'I would never shy away from that. I want to be there.'

'There's nothing quite like a World Cup. I would love to be part of another one. It's just up to me playing the best I can. Take everything from last season and kick on.'

This, he has done. Dier has been ever-present at the heart of Antonio Conte's back-three this season. In fact, he has started every Premier League game for his club since mid-February, when he missed two defeats in four days against Southampton and Wolves.

The upturn in results perhaps hints at his value to Conte. Since then, Tottenham have lost only three of 22 in the league, each by the odd goal, and have kept 10 clean sheets in the process.

Conte is a coach who builds teams on deep-set defensive foundations — and an unflinching advocate of a tactical formation that plays to Dier's strengths and protects his weaknesses.

Few coaches, if any, play this particular system better or hammer the shape into the minds of their players more meticulously.

Dier's appreciation of the game and technical ability on the ball — hallmarks of his Portuguese footballing upbringing — are perfect for the central defender in a back-three.

His limited pace is less of a problem when flanked by more mobile defenders, and shielded by two deep in midfield, and he can see the game, organise and



by **MATT BARLOW**

cajole others from the heart of the team. He is a vocal presence and a natural leader by example. As Jose Mourinho once pointed out, a player who 'likes the conflict'.

In short, this is Dier in his best position. Moreover, he is refining it under Conte, a master of the system.

All at a time in his career when he can lean upon his experiences and knowledge accrued from other roles, including as a holding midfielder, a position he fulfilled for England, including at the last World Cup in Russia, before the emergence of Declan Rice and Calvin Phillips.

'I told him playing in midfield would make him a better defender when he made the move,' said Ledley King, legendary former Tottenham centre back and captain, who was part of Jose Mourinho's coaching team when Dier decided his future would be in defence, not midfield.

'You see the game a lot easier. As someone who played a fair bit in midfield myself, I know that from centre half you are facing the game and you have a lot more time.'

In terms of him on the ball, his use of the ball, knowing when to push into midfield and what



Form of his life: Dier has excelled in Antonio Conte's back-three system

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you're leaving behind when you're doing that, closing people down, all these little things are things you have to learn. That comes with experience, learning all the tricks.

'But having played in midfield it gives you a different feeling with players running from midfield. I felt the game became a lot easier, and Eric will feel that as well.'

'I am really delighted he's showing his true form and looking like a real top-class centre half.'

Crucial to Dier's hopes of an international recall is the fact that Southgate also likes to play with a back-three

### THE MISSING PIECE?

**DIER'S performances have improved remarkably since Antonio Conte arrived at Tottenham last November. Here's how Dier's record compares to England's other centre backs in that time:**

Player	Games	Goals/game conceded
F Tomori	32	0.72
J Stones	29	0.72
<b>E Dier</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.75</b>
M Guehi	38	1.11
B White	34	1.15
T Mings	33	1.27
H Maguire	30	1.33

**■ DIER has 45 caps for England, scoring three goals, and played at Euro 2016 and the 2018 World Cup. But it is 22 months since he last played for the Three Lions, in a 4-0 win over Iceland at Wembley in November 2020.**

— while his resurgence has come alongside Harry Maguire losing his place in the Manchester United team after a poor run of form.

Timing can be a factor. Luck can play a part as careers ebb and flow.

Maybe it will also not harm Dier that today's fixture against Manchester City, and his duel with Premier League top-scorer Erling Haaland, has been postponed ahead of a very important week.

### DAVID DEIN

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him. Some may think that makes Dein a curse — but it also makes him a thinker.

So what's he thinking about now? Pure time. Making sure the ball is in play for a minimum of 30 minutes in each half. Taking time-keeping out of the hands of referees. Stopping the clock when the ball goes out of play, or for injuries, or celebrations. And because he remains connected as an ambassador for the FA and Premier League, he still has access to the corridors of power.

In the end, whether or not you agree with Dein on VAR, on Pure time, on the Premier League, on Sven — even on whether the FA should have been creeping around that crook Jack Warner when it was lobbying to win the 2018 World Cup bid, and that is a real bone of contention — football needs people who care, and think. Dein does, and so does Wenger. We won't always agree with them, but it's good to have people interested in more than taking the money...

**MARTIN SAMUEL:** Yes, but I think international football is meant to be the best of ours against the best of theirs.

**DAVID DEIN:** Who was the manager and coach of the England team who just won the women's Euros?

**MS:** Sarina Wiegman. I know. I didn't agree with that either.

**DD:** You still don't? The fact we won the Euros with the best that we can get? You don't think in any job you should employ the best that you can get, regardless of colour, religion, nationality?

**MS:** I'm not talking about colour or religion. But nationality? In international sport? Arsenal can have who they like, but England? It's cheating. Not literally, but in principle. We're a wealthy country. We should produce our own coaches.

**DD:** So you don't agree that the women's coach came from overseas. I'd like you to put your view to the public.

**MS:** I couldn't care less what the public think. I don't agree with Eddie Jones. I don't agree with Brendan McCullum. International sport is different.

**DD:** We got criticised at the time over Sven.

**MS:** I know, by people like me.

**DD:** And Sir Bobby Robson and David Beckham. But I always believe you choose the best person for the job.

**MS:** Yes, in any other walk of life. But if international sport is going to mean anything...

**DD:** But Arsenal are an English club. What about a rule where 50 per cent of players have to be homegrown?

**MS:** No, it's your club. You're entitled to run your club however you wish.

**DD:** Yes but with England the players are all English. And if the manager you're employing is the best in the world...

**MS:** I'd dispute that with Sven.

**DD:** Right, you're having heart surgery, do you worry the surgeon is German or Dutch or Japanese? You just want the best.

**MS:** No, if he was competing in heart surgery for England, he'd have to be English. If he was just operating in the local hospital he can be from wherever you like. My heart surgeon doesn't do a lap of honour of the hospital wrapped in a Union Jack. That's why it's different.

**DD:** I'm enjoying this. And I see your argument. I suffered with Sven. But when you look at his record, did he do a good job? Yes he did.

**MS:** When you look at Gareth Southgate's record did he do a better job? Yes he did.

I've given myself the last word. But I'm not saying I got it.



Shootout king: Dier (right) with Southgate after scoring the winning penalty against Colombia at the World Cup in 2018

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## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

by Martin Samuel

Chief Sports Writer



**E**VEN now, all these years later, David Dein still has The Dream. It is 5pm and he is sitting in his office. A man comes in and presents him with a sheet of paper. Sometimes it is a death warrant. Sometimes a death certificate. Either way, it signals the end.

The man is Peter Hill-Wood, the late Arsenal chairman. And the dream isn't much of a fantasy really. It's a sub-conscious recreation of a true event, from April 18, 2007, when Hill-Wood, Arsenal director Chips Keswick and an employment lawyer from Slaughter and May terminated Dein's employment at his beloved club.

Dein is now sitting in his Mayfair home. He has revisited that day for his fascinating autobiography *Calling The Shots* — extracts of which will be in the *Mail on Sunday* tomorrow — but it's plain he's not comfortable. 'I'm a glass half-full person,' he murmurs. 'I want to be positive, I want to be the guy who puts a brick in the wall, who builds something. That was the worst I felt apart from when my mother, and my brother Arnold, died. I left with tears in my eyes.'

It isn't the only time Dein equates leaving Arsenal to personal bereavement. A chapter in the book, detailing his time post-Arsenal is

# When Arsenal sacked me it was brutal. I left with tears in my eyes

David Dein was key to Gunners' trophy-laden years under Arsene Wenger but the club's board did not share his vision and he was suddenly ousted. That pain has not receded...



**Dream team: Dein (left) and Wenger at Wembley for a 1999 Champions League tie** SHUTTERSTOCK

called Life After Death. He goes back to the Emirates Stadium now, uses his four club seats, gives away his 10 season tickets, but he's still not over it. He never received a satisfactory explanation for why 24 years ended so brutally, and when his best friend Arsene Wenger was later removed with similar coldness, it stirred the emotions up again. Dein has never talked about his own experience before, though. It still isn't easy. It still feels raw, more than 15 years later.

'Brutal, yes, that's how I'd describe it,' he says. 'It was a combination of fear and jealousy. I was fairly high-profile and I think the rest of the board were upset that I was trying to source outside investment, talking to Stan Kroenke about my shares. They wanted to keep it a closed shop. But I could see where the game was going. You look at football now — Chelsea, Manchester City, even Newcastle. We didn't have the same muscle. We had wealthy people, but not billionaires. We didn't have enough money to finance the new stadium and finance the team. We were trying to dance at two weddings.'

'Arsene and I would come out of board meetings feeling we'd been knocking our heads against a brick wall. We lost Ashley Cole over five grand a week. It was a very difficult time. There was a lot of friction because of the cost of the stadium and we had to ration the salaries. Arsene used every bit of skill in his body to find cheap players. A lot of managers wouldn't

have taken that. He did it without qualms, he just got on with it, but the last year or so was uncomfortable for me. We had been a harmonious group and now there were factions. So yes, I stuck my neck out. You don't get anything unless you stick your neck out. I was in commodities. You go long or you go short. You have to take a position.'

Dein's position cost him dearly. He was the first at the club to entertain Kroenke, but his fellow directors thought he had gone behind their backs. It is the small details that shock. After the meeting, he tried to call his wife Barbara only to discover his mobile phone had been cut off.

'And it was my number,' Dein explains. 'The number I'd had

since I was in business. It was petty, it was spiteful. To this day nobody has ever properly explained why it had to end this way. It took some doing for me to retell it really, because it was so painful. It was such a traumatic moment. I was in shock. It wasn't so long before that we'd been Invincible. We'd just moved into our new stadium. We had so much going for us.'

'It took a lot to get over it. It did feel like a death in the family. Arsenal was part of my life since the age of 10; I'd helped deliver 18 trophies for them. Arsene and I had such a wonderful working relationship. It was Lennon and McCartney. He bled for me, I bled for him. He is still my closest friend. Seeing that taken away was such a shame. It wasn't in the best

interests of the club. We spoke that night. He didn't think he could stay. I persuaded him to stay.'

Wenger and Dein were the axis of Arsenal's most successful Premier League years. Wenger would identify a player and the pair would discuss the price. They would write the top line down on a piece of paper, then reveal. Dein claims they were never more than five per cent apart.

'He was a miracle worker, and they just let him go,' Dein insists. 'He left in a similar way to me. I thought the club owed Arsene a duty of care, at least a discussion. We need a change but how do you want this to be done? Do you want to be involved? What can we do? Would you like a different role, would you prefer to

exit elegantly? You must have dialogue. It didn't happen in my case, didn't happen in his. And that really hurt him. I would have done it differently.'

'Look, you don't find a brain like his every day of the week. He's an Arsenal man, 22 years at the club. Wasn't his knowledge worth cultivating? Look at where he is now? So he's not good enough for Arsenal, but he is good enough to be head of global development for FIFA, in charge of 211 countries. He should have been used by us surely, his knowledge, his skill, his encyclopaedic awareness of players. He's got to be used.'

Wenger has never been back to the Emirates Stadium, and with every passing year, that visit seems less likely. Dein returned after a few months the following season, as a guest of Terry Brady, Karren's father, who has a box there. Looking back, he thinks that invitation fortuitous.

'Distance begets distance,' he says. 'The longer I'd stayed away, the harder it would have been to come back. So sooner rather than later was better. Maybe if I hadn't gone then I wouldn't have gone, like Arsene. He's hurt, he's still bruised. The day I returned, I saw Robin van Persie. "Mr Dein — what happened to you?" I'd signed him. He was one of my sons. But then, I'd just vanished. I told him it was a long story.'

Dein lost more than Arsenal that day. He was a significant figure in the game,

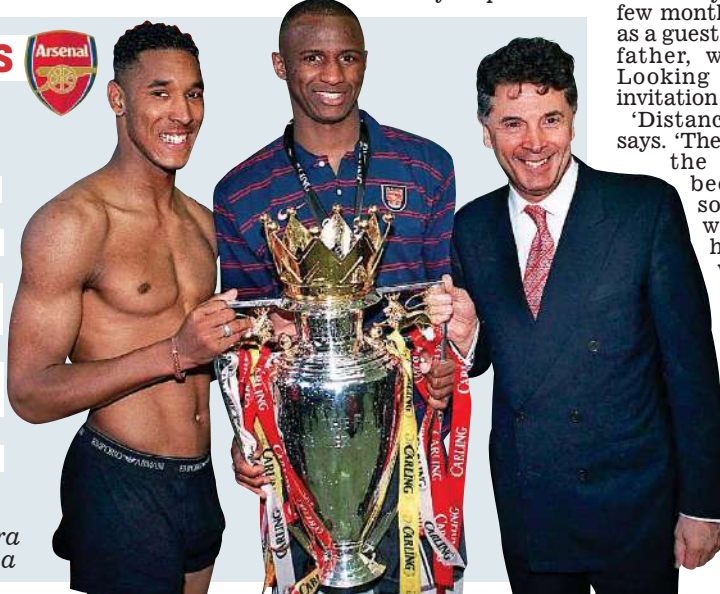
## A GOLDEN ERA FOR THE GUNNERS

ARSENAL won 18 major trophies in David Dein's time with the club:

- 1987: League Cup
- 1989: First Division
- 1991: First Division and Community Shield
- 1993: League Cup and FA Cup
- 1994: Cup Winners' Cup
- 1998: Premier League, FA Cup and Community Shield
- 1999: Community Shield
- 2002: Premier League, FA Cup and Community Shield
- 2003: FA Cup
- 2004: Premier League and Community Shield
- 2005: FA Cup

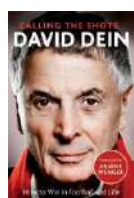
■ ARSENAL won a trophy once every 16 months with Dein, compared to once every four years without.

Winners: Dein, Vieira and Anelka





Top dog:  
Dein relaxes  
with his dog  
Bernie at  
home in  
London



**Calling the Shots: How to Win in Football and Life by David Dein**, published by Constable on September 15 at £22. To order a copy for £19.80 (offer valid to 24/09/22; UK P&P free on orders over £20), visit [www.mailshop.co.uk/books](http://www.mailshop.co.uk/books) or call 020 3176 2937

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vice-chairman of the Football Association, president of the G14 group of elite clubs, a committee member for UEFA and FIFA. All of it, though, was dependent on his status at a football club.

'I lost a lot outside Arsenal,' he recalls. 'Prestigious roles that I enjoyed. Seeing where the game was going, having a seat at the top table. It all went away at the same time. I got punished more than once, and for what? Trying to drive the club forward. I was a major shareholder at this time, so what is my interest? Making Arsenal successful. We came out in the black on transfers, plus 18 trophies. Where is the logic?'

Then there were the offers, prime among them, chief executive at Liverpool when the Fenway Sports Group took charge. Couldn't he have worked with Jurgen Klopp, the way he once did with Wenger?

'Tom Werner offered me that role,' Dein says. 'They had just taken over and were looking for stability, someone who knew English football. It didn't go far. I was very flattered, but I couldn't work in opposition to Arsenal. I wouldn't have been happy. I couldn't give Liverpool my love, care and attention all the while thinking I was being disloyal, unfaithful to Arsenal. It's the club I really love, whatever happened to me.'

Arsenal didn't push me out. The people there did. Mike Ashley was my neighbour in Totteridge and he wanted me to work at Newcastle. But again, I couldn't do it. It was all tempting, but no. AC Milan, Barcelona called, but I couldn't leave London. I love the theatre, this is my home. And I'm an Arsenal man. When I left they offered me £250,000 severance. I told them I didn't want it. The club needed it more than I did.'

Arsenal have recently enjoyed a better start to the season than at any time since Wenger left. Dein seems genuinely happy. But any chance of a return under the Kroenke regime — yes, the board

members who sacked Dein for talking to the American later sold him their shares — was ended in a curt telephone conversation. The landscape has changed, Dein was told. 'I was disappointed with Stan, but we're all over 18,' Dein says. 'We move on. I offered him my shares first, but I don't bear grudges. The club is doing well now. It's taken time and they've made mistakes but the ship is now pointing in the right direction.'

'Who knows if they'd be in a better place with me there? But the direction they took — there were mistakes after Arsene left. Managerial appointments, the transfer market. And there is a

disconnect now. There are two types of owners. For some, like me, the money follows the heart. I was an Arsenal fan through and through and fortunate to be able to buy shares. Then there is the other type, who have money, buy a club, and then become a supporter. To them, football's a good investment or good for their profile. So they don't have a connection.'

'I was a fan on the board. I could never have agreed to a project like the Super League. If I was there when that happened, I'd have resigned. They didn't read the tea leaves. A closed shop? Nobody has a divine right. Some of these owners think they're too big for the rest of the league. They're deluded.'

And some might say that's fine talk from the man who was the driving force behind the Premier League, but Dein remains proud of his monster. An entire chapter in the book is dedicated to the breakaway and the motivation behind it. More than just money, Dein claims, painting a vivid and distressing picture of football post-Hillsborough. He describes the Premier League now as the fastest train on the track and will argue passionately against those who feel they've been left behind at the station.

'You will always get detractors,' he says. 'But it wasn't like the Super League. It was never a closed shop. We took 22 clubs with us. There has always been promotion and relegation. People who say it didn't help my club, or it didn't help Macclesfield — look, it's an express train and I don't want to slow that down. Yes, I

**'They offered me £250,000 severance. I told them the club needed it more than me'**

want Macclesfield to find their path, but there's got to be a balance that doesn't halt the train. A lot of money goes down to the lower leagues. The Premier League has done an enormous amount of good and I feel very proud of that. I feel I've put a little brick in the wall there. So I accept the criticism but you've got to remember where football was.

'Hillsborough. Football cannot be about death. People pulling blankets back in gymnasiums to see if it is their son or daughter underneath. Change had to come. And that meant voting change, structural change. It was a seminal moment. The state of stadiums. Half-time came, you either had to have a cup of tea, or go for a pee — the queues were too big to do both. So, the way I see it, the Premier League has been a resounding success, and we've got to keep it that way. It's England's biggest sporting export. I watched Liverpool versus Newcastle on Turkish Airlines live at 35,000 feet. It's not the *Bundesliga* being shown, it's not *La Liga*. I think our critics should think again.'

Dein is a politician, but also an ideas man. The book is littered with them. The Premier League, Sven Goran Eriksson as England's first foreign manager, VAR, even the vanishing spray used to mark out free-kicks: all stemmed from

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## First rule of football? Be first to the ball. And Liverpool are way off it right now

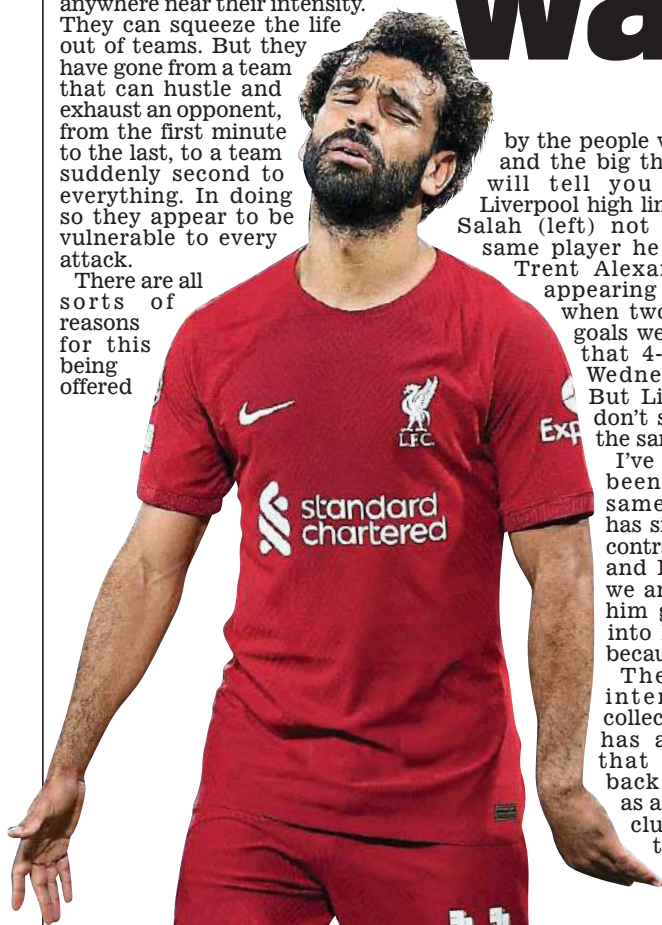
**Y**OU can talk to all the modern coaches and analysts you like, apply the latest buzz terminology and fill these sports pages with all the data you can lay your hands on — but the one non-negotiable part of winning football matches is being first to the ball.

At the moment, Liverpool are not doing that. And that's why they are a mile off the team we have known them to be in Jurgen Klopp's time at the club.

That intensity of being first to everything is the reason why they have become winners again. They and Manchester City are by far the best two teams in the country at doing this and no one else comes anywhere near their intensity.

They can squeeze the life out of teams. But they have gone from a team that can hustle and exhaust an opponent, from the first minute to the last, to a team suddenly second to everything. In doing so they appear to be vulnerable to every attack.

There are all sorts of reasons for this being offered



by the people with the data and the big theories. They will tell you about the Liverpool high line. About Mo Salah (left) not looking the same player he was. About Trent Alexander-Arnold appearing to jog back when two of Napoli's goals went in, during that 4-1 defeat on Wednesday night. But Liverpool just don't seem to have the same energy.

I've certainly not been seeing the same Salah. He has signed the big contract he wanted and I really hope we are not seeing him getting semi into his armchair because of that.

The need for intensity is a collective thing. It has always been that way, going back to my time as a player at the club. They like to call it 'pressing' now but when I was

playing we just called it 'closing down'. If one person is not doing it, the whole system breaks down and you might as well drop off and be a team that plays counter-attacking football.

No one is above the team. No one is above a b\*\*\*\*\*g. I was talking recently about the afternoon at Coventry in 1983, when we were 3-0 down at half-time. It was just before half-time when I let my mate Kenny Dalglish have it. I asked him: 'Is there any effing danger you're going to get hold of the ball and get started?' His reply came right back at me. 'Is there any effing danger you're going to win a tackle?'

We carried on that conversation in the dressing room at half-time and with every sentence, we got closer and closer, to the point that eventually we had to be kept apart. Joe Fagan and Ronnie Moran calmly poured themselves a cup of tea and kept out of it. We were doing their team talk for them.

The point I'm trying to make is that you can't put Wednesday night, or Liverpool's average start to this season, on individuals. In the team I was a part of, we worked together, we hunted for the ball together and we won it back together.

It's certainly my view Liverpool

need another battle-hardened, experienced midfielder at the core of their team, to pick the pass and capitalise on the movement of the strikers.

Klopp said he didn't need that big-name addition this summer. He listed the young players he says can step up and do a job for him.

**'I really hope we're not seeing Mo Salah in his armchair because of his new deal'**

It's good to hear that he has faith in lads such as Harvey Elliott and Curtis Jones. That's great news for every young player at Liverpool. But this is a hard and unforgiving environment we are talking about. It's a big jump from midfielders like Thiago, who's 31, Jordan

Henderson, 32, and James Milner, 36, to those young ones.

There's no doubting the quality of Liverpool's latest addition, Arthur Melo, but will he be able to deal with the intensity of the English game, given that Liverpool play games of cup final intensity every weekend and everyone always has to be at it?

I do think there is room in that midfield for another high-intensity workaholic who can also deliver a cute pass. Go back to Liverpool's best midfield of three or four years ago. You had Gini Wijnaldum. Workaholic. James Milner. Workaholic. Jordan Henderson. Workaholic. Not the most gifted in terms of cute passing but relentless workers, all of them. The creativity was coming through the full-backs and the forwards.

There's no need for panic and knee-jerk reactions, of course. As I said in these pages two weeks ago, all players are different in how long it takes them to get totally up to speed at the start of the season.

But I'm not seeing the Liverpool I know because the team are not getting first to that ball. Why is this so? That's a question for the players and I have no doubt that Klopp will be asking it, in no uncertain terms.

● JAVIER HERNANDEZ'S fluffed 'Panenka' penalty for LA Galaxy was proof that those stunts leave you looking pretty silly when you miss, however good they might look when they go in. Safe to say it's not anything I would have attempted as a player. I wouldn't have been too happy if a player of mine had tried that on an important occasion, either. I had a year of watching Matt Le Tissier taking penalties when I was Southampton manager and I didn't even watch in the end because I took it for granted that he would score. He was a wonderful striker of the ball and he missed just one of the 26 Premier League penalties he took in his career. Good luck trying to top that record.

## Potter entering the unknown

FOOTBALL management can be a vicious business. It has not escaped my notice that Chelsea have been doing a number on Thomas Tuchel since they sacked him this week: subtly spinning against him and undermining him to justify the decision to make him a scapegoat for everything that has gone wrong there. This is not an environment Graham Potter will be familiar with. I was Southampton manager when I signed Potter as a 21-year-old from Stoke for £250,000 in the mid-1990s on the recommendation of the

late Terry Cooper, my assistant, who'd worked with him at Birmingham City. He was quiet but a really good lad around the dressing room and a bit of a utility player for us. Potter has done a fantastic job at another south coast club, Brighton, but it's a different world he enters now. Everyone in that Chelsea dressing room will be looking at him, assessing him, judging whether they are going to learn from him and whether he has what it takes to get them back to winning trophies. They will

need to be convinced he is the right man for the job, while a manager with a big track record would be more readily accepted. It's after picking half a dozen teams that Potter will face the real problems — from the guys who are not in the starting XI. He has got to keep them quiet — and that's why the first month is so important. He must be himself. He must remember the reasons why he has earned the chance to do this job. But winning every game in that first month would certainly also help.

● I WAS one of the few very fortunate people to meet the Queen when she came to Anfield in 1993 to visit the Hillsborough Disaster Memorial. I was Liverpool's manager and I've never forgotten her empathy for the families and the club at that difficult time. One of the first things I did when I became Rangers manager, seven years earlier, was ask our kit man, Doddie Soutar, to get me the biggest portrait of our Queen that he could find, which we hung on the home dressing room wall. It was important to me that the club, a Protestant institution, should have it there. It has remained there to this day.



Dressed to thrill: Souness in the 1984 European Cup final kit

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## I found my 1984 tracksuit top in an old box!

I'VE JUST come across some gear that I wore on two of the greatest nights of my career. I had some stuff in storage while in the process of moving into a new house and opened a cardboard box to come across two tracksuit tops we wore to walk out before the 1981 European Cup final in Paris and the 1984 final in Rome, both of which we won. I thought my son, James, had taken them to university and managed to lose

them but it turns out I've got them after all! I don't know what happened to the No 11 jerseys I wore in those finals against Real Madrid and Roma. I'm not really one for putting mementoes of the past in cabinets or in frames up on the wall. 'Tomorrow is all that matters', was what they always told us at Liverpool, where Ronnie (Moran) would come into the dressing room with our league

championship medals we had won the year before in a cardboard box and dump them on the massage table. 'There are some medals from last year. If you really think you deserve one, help yourself,' he'd say. And then he would walk out, returning five seconds later to say, 'By the way, you get f\*\*\* all this year for what's in that box.' So that's where I've put the tracksuit tops. Back in the cardboard box.

MATT HUGHES

## AHEAD OF THE GAME



### FEAR OF FAN DISSENT A FACTOR BEHIND FOOTBALL'S SHUTDOWN

CONCERN that tributes to the Queen may not have been universally respected — and the potential for global embarrassment in the event of any dissent from fans — was a factor in the decision to call off all football in the United Kingdom this weekend. A number of Shamrock Rovers supporters caused outrage by singing offensive songs during their Europa Conference League game against Swedish club Djurgardens on Thursday evening. And while their actions are likely to have stemmed from Irish Republican sentiment, the

fact that some English clubs also have politicised elements of their fan base was mentioned in the discussions over football's shutdown. Several Premier League clubs appear to have implicitly recognised this danger themselves, as they opted to disable the reply function on Twitter after posting messages of condolence to the Royal Family on Thursday evening. This was presumably an attempt to avoid inciting a backlash from anti-monarchists on a forum that is not renowned for reasoned debate.

### CLUBS COULD OFFER WINTER AID

A NUMBER of Premier League clubs have held talks about opening areas of their grounds on non-matchdays this winter to provide warm areas for retired and unemployed fans who may be struggling to heat their homes due to the huge increase in their energy bills. While many EFL clubs are worried about being able to pay their own heating and lighting bills over the next few months, such concerns do not apply to the Premier League given their broadcasting, commercial and ticketing income. Many clubs responded admirably during the pandemic by transforming themselves into community hubs, offering their services as Covid-testing sites and food banks, and several of them are now considering how they can help alleviate suffering caused by the energy crisis.

### FIFA FEAR HAWK-EYE HOWLERS

FIFA officials have expressed concern about the reliability of Hawk-Eye following a string of recent failures in various sports — but have no plans to change their tech provider before the World Cup. The British-based firm have the contract to operate VAR, goal-line technology and the new semi-automated offside system that will be used for the first time in Qatar this winter, leading to fears of a high-profile error causing embarrassment at the World Cup. Hawk-Eye issued an apology to Huddersfield Town earlier this week after their technology failed to show that Yuta Nakayama's shot had crossed the line in their 1-0 defeat by Blackpool. A similar incident occurred

when Sheffield United were denied a legitimate goal that had clearly crossed the line in a Premier League game at Aston Villa two years ago. Hawk-Eye have been responsible for several errors since then and were dropped at short notice for this summer's All-Ireland gaelic football semi-final between Dublin and Kerry after they failed to spot that the ball had gone between the posts in the other last-four match. In addition to these errors, industry insiders have highlighted the fact that Hawk-Eye utilise just 14 cameras, while some of their rivals have more than 60. FIFA have used HawkEye since the 2018 World Cup and will not drop them at this late stage, but will intensify testing procedures before their showpiece event.

### WREXHAM ROW RUMBLES ON

THE National League appear to have resorted to acts of censorship in their ongoing row with Wrexham, who have been frustrated by the authorities in their attempts to live-stream their matches in a bid to grow their fan base. As part of a long-standing arrangement, the *Non-League Paper* sent an opinion piece to clubs for publication in their matchday programmes this week which was broadly supportive of Wrexham's proposals. But 24 hours later they received an instruction from the *Non-League Paper* that it should be replaced by another article analysing the transfer window. 'Apologies but please discard yesterday's column and use the below instead,' read a message from the paper's publishers, Greenway Publishing. The National League are due to meet on Thursday to discuss a league-wide streaming plan.

 @MattHughesDM



EXCLUSIVE  
INTERVIEWby Jonathan  
McEvoy

**A** GUEST arrived by helicopter at Sir Jackie Stewart's Buckinghamshire estate. It was a few days before this year's British Grand Prix and the Formula One grandee was too busy to greet his arrival.

Sir Jackie's staff fretted, and buzzed him in his study, requesting his presence pronto. 'I can't come now,' was the response. 'I am on the phone to the Queen.'

The call completed, Sir Jackie went to meet the diminutive figure standing in his house, whose identity he had not been told of in advance. It was Tom Cruise.

How many sportsmen past or present could say they kept Hollywood royalty waiting because they were in conversation with the most famous woman in the world?

Only Sir John Young Stewart, just as he holds the unique distinction of hosting Her Majesty as guest of honour at his 80th birthday celebrations, held in June 2019 at the Royal Automobile Club on Pall Mall.

Not that her invitation was accepted when club chairman, Ben Cussons, wrote to extend the welcome. It was politely declined

**'I saw her a few weeks ago and she was sharp as a needle'**

by the Palace secretariat, seemingly without being run by the monarch.

As chance would have it, Sir Jackie was shooting at Sandringham a little after the rejection had landed. 'I'm sorry you can't make my birthday party, Ma'am,' Sir Jackie ventured.

'What party?' asked the Queen. She was told, checked her diary and accepted.

'Her Majesty was the most remarkable woman I have ever met, sensational as a person,' Sir Jackie rhapsodised yesterday from Clayton House, his home on an old game farm of the Prime Minister's country retreat Chequers.

'She didn't much like cars. Horses were her love, as we all know, flat racing not the jumpers like her mother, and she adored spending time at her stables. So ours was an unusual relationship. But I saw her a great deal and funnily enough I was going to visit her in Balmoral in a couple of days to show her a film my son Mark has made about me.'

'I last saw her at Windsor a few weeks ago and she had a few difficulties walking then. She was using a stick. But she was still as sharp as a needle.'

Sir Jackie, or plain Mr Stewart back then, got to know the Queen through his friendship with the Princess Royal, then simply Princess Anne, whose equestrian career highlights coincided with his own triumphs as a three-time world champion. They were both BBC Sports Personality of the Year winners. 'The Queen was a

Warm welcome:  
the Queen and  
Sir Jackie  
Stewart at  
Buckingham  
Palace

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# The Queen would make the tea and do washing up herself

## F1 legend Sir Jackie Stewart recalls many happy hours spent with his great friend Her Majesty

great supporter of the princess and other way around,' noted Sir Jackie.

It was while on a shoot at Windsor as Anne's guest that he, a prize-winning member of the Scotland shooting team, who narrowly missed out on selection for the 1960 Olympics in Rome, first struck up a rapport with the Queen.

As host, she chatted to the guns, and so a friendship was born. They would meet informally over many years. 'Often she would not have a single member of staff with her,' said Sir Jackie. 'She would make the tea and do the washing up

herself.' A few years ago, the Queen called in at Clayton House and was taken to an outbuilding, a well-appointed hideaway known as Helen's Hut, named after Sir Jackie's wife of 60 years. Near there, in that part of the 140-acre grounds, stand statues of stags and a Highland cow and calves.

Taking in the scene, the Queen mused: 'Why don't we have these things in our garden, Philip?'

To which the Duke of Edinburgh replied: 'It looks like a f\*\*\*\*\* zoo.'

Her Majesty raised an eyebrow. Sir Jackie introduced her to

royalty, or at least facilitated relationships. One such figure was Salman, Crown Prince of Bahrain, whom he got into shooting.

After one early visit to Sandringham, the Crown Prince wanted to repay the Queen for her hospitality. What to buy her? He commissioned a larger-than-life bronze of Estimate, her Gold Cup winner ridden to victory by Ryan Moore in 2013. It stands at Sandringham. A smaller replica resides in Sir Jackie's kitchen.

Another introduction was to Kiri Te Kanawa, the New Zealand opera star.

'I have met presidents of America and they all held the Queen in such high regard,' said Sir Jackie. 'They were heads of state but they were amateur compared to her, with her experience and personal strengths.'

'Even when she was greeting the new Prime Minister the other day in Balmoral, she looked radiant. I am told she did not suffer any pain as she passed.'

'She was a big Scot and she loved Balmoral more than any of her other houses. So when the time came it was the perfect ending as far as the Queen was concerned.'





# South Africa refuse to extend the Oval Test

## ECB wanted to add extra day but tourists said no citing their players' 'workloads'

**E**NGLAND'S deciding Test will go ahead at the Kia Oval today, but only after South Africa refused to extend the match by a day in an attempt to make up for lost time.

The ECB wanted to add an additional day on Tuesday after seeing the first day of the final Test washed out and then the second called off out of respect following the Queen's death.

But South Africa said they were not prepared to extend their stay by an extra day and will head for home as scheduled on Tuesday to prepare for their white-ball tour of India.

South Africa cited 'managing workloads' for their decision, but they are not due to leave for India until September 23 and only six members of their squad — Aiden Markram, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje and Marco Jansen — will be on the plane.

Instead, sources told *Sportsmail* South Africa's inflexibility owed more to pragmatism and their reluctance to risk another defeat that could jeopardise their chances of reaching next year's World Test Championship final.

South Africa captain Dean Elgar talked a good game at the toss before rain hit on Thursday, saying: 'There's definitely going to be a winner in this Test, there's no doubt. With the brand of cricket both teams are playing, along with the styles, there will be a result.'

But the actions of South Africa yesterday did not back up Elgar's bravado, the board instead implying what Elgar said was simply hot air and they do not want to risk another damaging loss after their innings thrashing in Manchester. South Africa

### CRICKET

**EXCLUSIVE**  
by **PAUL NEWMAN**

Cricket Correspondent



Bravado: Elgar

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blamed schedules for their reluctance to stay another 24 hours when they put out a statement yesterday.

'The ECB and CSA considered whether it was possible to extend this final match by a day but this was unfortunately not possible due to the Proteas' schedule and the imminent departure of the white-ball squad for another two-month tour,' read the Cricket South Africa statement.

'Players have already been away from home for over two months and will have only a few days with families at home before leaving on their tour of India and then the T20 World Cup in Australia.'

So today will be the third day of the Test, with 98 overs scheduled for each remaining day and Surrey banning fancy dress for the rest of the match, while also asking spectators to be in their seats by 10.30am for an on-field celebration of Her Majesty's life.

Earlier yesterday, England captain Ben Stokes took to Twitter to urge the authorities not to follow football's lead and ensure cricket went on, saying: 'She loved sport, be honoured to play in her memory.'

Then, after talks that extended into mid-afternoon, the ECB released a statement saying all cricket, including the men's Test and England women's opening Twenty20 international against India in Durham, would go ahead this weekend. 'The decision has

been taken after consultation with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and in line with official national mourning guidance,' said the ECB. 'Before each match a minute's silence will be held followed by the national anthem.'

That national anthem will be the first time when 'God Save The King' will be sung in public at the Oval, which is owned by the Duchy of Cornwall.

The failure of the ECB's attempt to extend the match reduces the chances of a winner of a series locked at 1-1.

But both the first two matches ended in three days and England have vowed to do all they can to force a positive result.

Before the Test, Stokes said: 'If we do have a rain affected game it will be interesting because I know we'll be trying whatever we can to win. We don't play for draws.'

So there could be three exciting days ahead, with England bowling first today after Stokes won the toss before rain hit on Thursday.

### RACING

By **MARCUS TOWNEND**

ALL racing in Britain today has been cancelled as an 'ongoing mark of respect' following the death of the Queen. However, the sport will return tomorrow with the Cazoo St Leger the centrepiece of a re-scheduled card at Doncaster. The final Classic of the season will be part of a nine-race card which will feature a mix of the best races due to be run at the South Yorkshire track yesterday and today. Tomorrow's programme will also include the meeting at Chepstow but the planned fixture at Musselburgh has been cancelled. BHA chief executive Julie Harrington said: 'Her Majesty's affinity and bond with British racing was enduring and unique, and a number of our sport's participants have a close relationship with her. 'Out of respect and in sympathy with her family, the sport has continued the suspension of fixtures into Saturday. 'The return of racing on Sunday will see the running of the St Leger, a race which the Queen won with her filly Dunfermline in 1977. 'This will also provide an opportunity for the sport to pay its respects to Her Majesty, for the contribution

## ST LEGER IS PUSHED BACK TO TOMORROW

which she has made to the sport to be marked.' A two-minute silence will be held at Doncaster tomorrow and the track was yesterday working on what were described as 'appropriate tributes' to a late monarch. Doncaster was expecting a crowd of around 25,000 people and all ticket holders have had their admission rolled over, with the ticket office to be manned today. Mark Spencer, managing director of the company which runs Doncaster, said: 'The early indications we have had is that people want to attend on Sunday. We will be paying tributes to the Queen to mark her close and valued link to horseracing.' When racing restarts, flags will fly at half-mast and jockeys will wear black armbands. This will continue until Her Majesty's funeral. Racing continues in Ireland where the two-day Irish Champions meeting begins today. ITV4 will show five races from Doncaster and five from the Curragh, where the Irish St Leger is run tomorrow.



Respect: the Union Jack is flown at half-mast at the Kia Oval after the Queen's death

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# Out of respect, game was right to put a foot on the ball...

**W**E all know that 'never complain, never explain' is a mantra that has long guided the best strands of royal life — not that Meghan got the email.

Attributed to Benjamin Disraeli, adopted by the Queen Mother, and still holding sway among the top rank as the Queen died at Balmoral, it was an aphorism that smacked of a stoicism and get-on-with-life resilience that we considered a very British aspiration.

But there is also a time for respect, and this important juncture in our national story is that moment. And it doesn't merely apply to wearing a black tie. However, it does require an acceptance that sport is not itself a matter of life and death, even if the Premier League is the closest phenomenon to religion that we have in modern Britain, eclipsing even our exalting of the NHS.

Is one weekend off for our national game too much to ask?

Is 70 years of service not worth one brief interruption to a sport that has long broken its old seasonal boundaries so rapaciously that it barely takes a day off?

As our national game it also carries a responsibility unique in our society. A distinction recognised in the Premier League's stated decision to 'honour the Queen's extraordinary life and contribution to the nation'.

Of course, the way the decision was arrived at was farcical. It should all have been resolved far in advance of the death of a monarch who was essentially house-bound in Balmoral, unable to walk freely and aged 96, rather than in a meeting yesterday morning.

The last-minute talking reflects a weakness of leadership and a

## COMMENT



by  
**JONATHAN  
McEVOY**

lack of foresight. Only now are they thinking about how to commemorate the Queen's reign when the sport recongregates at some 'appropriate point'.

At least football has managed the situation better than its tin-eared handling of an earlier crucial phase in its story, namely during the First World War, when it played on as hundreds of thousands of British men died in combat.

This insensitivity caused many schools to disaffiliate from the Football Association, robbing the game of generations of boys to rugby union at significant disadvantage to its own fortunes.

Some critics might wonder why football is the outlier and criticise it for being so.

Racing, cricket, rugby and golf only stopped for a day or two, and then played on. Perhaps those sports and others struck the right balance by demonstrating a degree of reverence without denying fans and participants for longer than decorum demanded.

This nuanced approach may well have been the right way for football to go. Nothing today and tomorrow, and then a resumption. The Queen would have been honoured and sport put in its place. Job done.

But if you think everything should have carried on without a pause, or a second thought, think how that would have looked.

Typical, greedy football, we would all have chorused. It waits for no one.

## WHAT ARE THE OTHER SPORTS DOING?

### GOLF

The European Tour's flagship BMW PGA Championship will resume today at Wentworth, reduced to a 54-hole event finishing tomorrow. Englishmen Tommy Fleetwood and Andy Sullivan currently share the lead with Norway's Viktor Hovland.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Play-offs will continue today with Huddersfield v Salford, following last night's match between Catalans and Leeds.

### THE GREAT NORTH RUN

Will go ahead on Sunday.

### TOUR OF BRITAIN

The final three stages of cycling's Tour of Britain have been cancelled, with leader Gonzalo Serrano of Spain declared the winner ahead of Brit Tom Pidcock.

### BOXING

London's first all-female boxing card is off. The O2 Arena was due to be headlined tonight by the world title fight between Savannah Marshall and Claressa Shields, which has now been pencilled in for October 15.

### FORMULA ONE

The Italian Grand Prix will go ahead as normal, with a one-minute silence before yesterday's practice sessions.

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# Rugby is awash with acrimony after messy plan

RUGBY will continue this weekend, but the frantic, chaotic attempts to organise a fitting response to the death of the Queen stirred up divisions and acrimony within the sport. The opening weekend of the Premiership season is taking place, with amendments, after a decision was eventually taken to delay the two games which were supposed to launch the 2022-23 campaign last night — Bristol v Bath and Sale v Northampton. The West Country derby has been switched to 5.30pm today and the

## RUGBY UNION

By **CHRIS FOY**  
Rugby Correspondent

fixture in Salford will now kick off at 3pm tomorrow. However, the process was protracted and messy, to say the least, with officials veering

between different solutions as they wrestled with the need to be seen to be suitably respectful, set against concerns about the financial and logistical impact of mass postponements. For a time yesterday morning, the mood was to press ahead unchanged, but that position soon shifted. Sources indicated to *Sportsmail* that, after talks with the department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which yielded suggestions but no definitive guidance, Premiership Rugby

sought to place the decision in the hands of individual host clubs. However, then came a twist as the PRL board chose to postpone last night's games but allow the others to continue. Bristol were said to be '100 per cent' determined to proceed with their game against local rivals Bath and it is understood the West Country club were incensed by the PRL board decision. The Bears were expecting a crowd in excess of 24,000 at Ashton Gate and fear that the postponement — driven by other,

unaffected clubs — could cost them up to £200,000. Many hospitality and ticket bookings will be cancelled and have to be refunded. There will also be additional match-day staffing costs. Another factor is that the match will not be televised in its new slot, either by BT Sport or via PRL TV's streaming service. Sale were thought to be erring towards pressing ahead with their game too, until it was taken out of their hands. After discussions about moving



# IN MEMORIAM HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022



United in tribute: West Ham and FCSB show their respect REX

# ... No, it's crazy that football fans denied the chance to pay homage

**T**HE announcement came at 6.30pm. And at 8pm, here's what we did. We went to a football match.

It wasn't disrespectful. It wasn't uncaring. Nor did it encroach on the passing of a beloved monarch.

Had the game between West Ham and FCSB of Bucharest been called off, it would not have made the pain easier, for those feeling pain. Had the fans been sent home it would not have placed the death of Queen Elizabeth II in a more fitting or proper perspective.

Not everything is football's business, as much as the game would like it to be so. So life continued, within the proper parameters, at a sad time for the nation.

There was a minute of silence. The mood before the game, at half-time and after, was sombre and reverential. And that was entirely appropriate. As was playing. It struck the right balance. Don't stop the clocks.

Today, as I'm writing this, I'm on my way to Bath to see a show, *Into The Woods*, at the Theatre Royal. We've been looking forward to it for months. We checked whether it would still be on and there were no plans for cancellation. We are expecting the national anthem, the dimming of lights and a minute of silent contemplation. Then the show, as is the saying, must go on.

Football is different. Football went to the Government for guidance and got none. It was left up to them, after the coward at the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport briefed a preference that the weekend programme should not go ahead. They stopped short of ordering it, though, in case the decision was unpopular. That's leadership for you, champions of Government regulation for football should note.

So it was left to the sport, to all sports, not that football's overlords had an option. Placed in an untenable position, rather than appear disrespectful, what choice did they have but to

## COMMENT

**MARTIN SAMUEL**

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cancel? In this way, thousands of fans were denied the chance to pay their respects in an appropriate way, at an appropriate time.

That is what happened at West Ham. No observation that involves 50,000 people is ever wholly perfect, but the club and those in the ground did all they could. No one with a smidgeon of feeling for humanity, or sport, or the institution of the monarchy, could have taken offence.

West Ham is a patriotic club. Proud of its role in the 1966 World Cup victory, proud to have produced England's World Cup-winning captain Bobby Moore. With more time, a more detailed tribute could have been organised. With less than 90 minutes between the announcement and kick-off, however, the club responded magnificently.

This was UEFA's fixture, do not forget. So aspects were left to UEFA officials to organise as best they could. That was where the only confusion arose. It was announced there would be a minute's silence. The image of the Queen was projected on to giant screens behind each goal. The players gathered respectfully around the centre circle. The crowd began applauding. Maybe that drowned out referee Benoit Bastien's whistle, perhaps he didn't know to blow.

In lieu of a formal silence, then, a rather disorganised but football-appropriate tribute began. Some stood head bowed, the older generation mainly, some clapped as if she was a much-loved but now departed centre-forward — which metaphorically she was — others began singing the national anthem.

You can look at it two ways, as an utter shambles, or as a rather endearing snapshot of modern

Britain, expressing emotion in ways only it understands. And when Bastien blew his whistle to signal the conclusion — and everyone heard that — a mighty roar filled the night air, because the football was about to start.

Nothing wrong with that. In fact, the spontaneous outbursts of *God Save The Queen* sung at various points during the game constitute the most meaningful public tributes to Her Majesty thus far. All the more so because they came, not from politicians, or heads of state, but from working-class people sharing common humanity and emotion. That is what has been denied with these postponements, an opportunity to come together and share.

At half-time, instead of the usual rabble-rousing noise and chat, there was the sound of a gentle orchestra, played at low volume, and the score in black surround on large screens. This gave way to a monochrome picture of two local heroes — Queen Elizabeth II and Bobby Moore, being handed the World Cup from Wembley's Royal Box. He famously wiped his hands of dirt and sweat in preparation. Cheers and applause echoed again and another chorus of our, now old, national anthem.

Many clubs and towns could find a similar connection. She was our longest-reigning monarch. She travelled widely and frequently and made a lot of meaningful associations. It would not have been hard to stage-manage a respectful celebration this weekend, to balance the past with the present. West Ham did it at an hour's notice.

And they won, too, a fine 3-1 comeback, which would normally be a happy affair. Yet when the final whistle blew there were no bubbles, no great celebrations. Her Majesty looked regally down on the emptying pitch and televisions in the public area returned to BBC News.

Her subjects dispersed into the night. It was life, and football, but not as we knew it. That was how it should have been — and how it should have continued.

## Next week's games could also be off

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weekend of the Women's Super League, non-League and grassroots football will also no longer go ahead. It is expected that UEFA will continue with their programme, starting with the European matches involving British clubs on Tuesday. Next week's football fixtures could also be in danger due to concerns about police

resources being too stretched, with the Queen's funeral expected to take a week on Monday. The situation leaves the Premier League with a problem as to when games can be rearranged, especially as the calendar has already been condensed due to the winter World Cup in Qatar. The Football Supporters Association believe it would have been a good chance for

fans to pay respects to the Queen if games had gone ahead this weekend. They said: 'We believe football is at its finest when bringing people together at times of huge national significance. Our view, which we shared with the football authorities, is that most supporters would have like to go to games this weekend and pay their respect to the Queen alongside their fellow fans.'

## to crack on



**PETER CROUCH**  
I know it's only

a game and some things are much bigger but imagine all our games went ahead this weekend. Black armbands, silences observed, national anthem, Royal band playing etc to the millions around the world watching? Isn't that a better send-off?

the fixture to mid-November, it was agreed to reschedule it to tomorrow afternoon. To avoid a five-day turnaround to their next game, at home to London Irish, the Saints have put that back until next Saturday, September 17. At all Premiership games this weekend, there will be a minute's silence, while players and coaches have been 'invited' to wear black armbands as a mark of respect. Meanwhile, the RFU announced all fixtures from Championship level down to the community game could proceed as planned.





# DAVID DEIN: My pain at Arsenal sack

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# FOOTBALL GOES INTO SHUTDOWN

## All fixtures called off but cricket and rugby will play on

By ADRIAN KAJUMBA

ALL football matches have been cancelled this weekend and next week's fixtures could also be postponed as a mark of respect following the death of the Queen.

Despite being given the option to play on after the passing of Britain's longest-serving monarch, who was patron of the FA, football will observe a total shutdown from the Premier League to grassroots.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport released a statement yesterday confirming 'there is no obligation' to postpone sporting fixtures. Any decision was left 'at the discretion of individual organisations'.

Cricket will play on with the third Test between England and South Africa resuming at the Oval today after yesterday was cancelled and rugby union's Premiership season will kick off today after two matches last night were postponed.

But football will come to a standstill. The Premier League and EFL confirmed their matches will be postponed, with details on further games during the period of mourning and rearrangements to follow. The FA confirmed all fixtures in their competitions, including the opening

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## GRAEME SOUNESS

### LIVERPOOL MUST RECOVER THAT LOST INTENSITY

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## Lewis and F1 pay their respects



Tribute: Hamilton wears a black armband at Monza yesterday PA

## South Africa refused to add extra day to Oval Test

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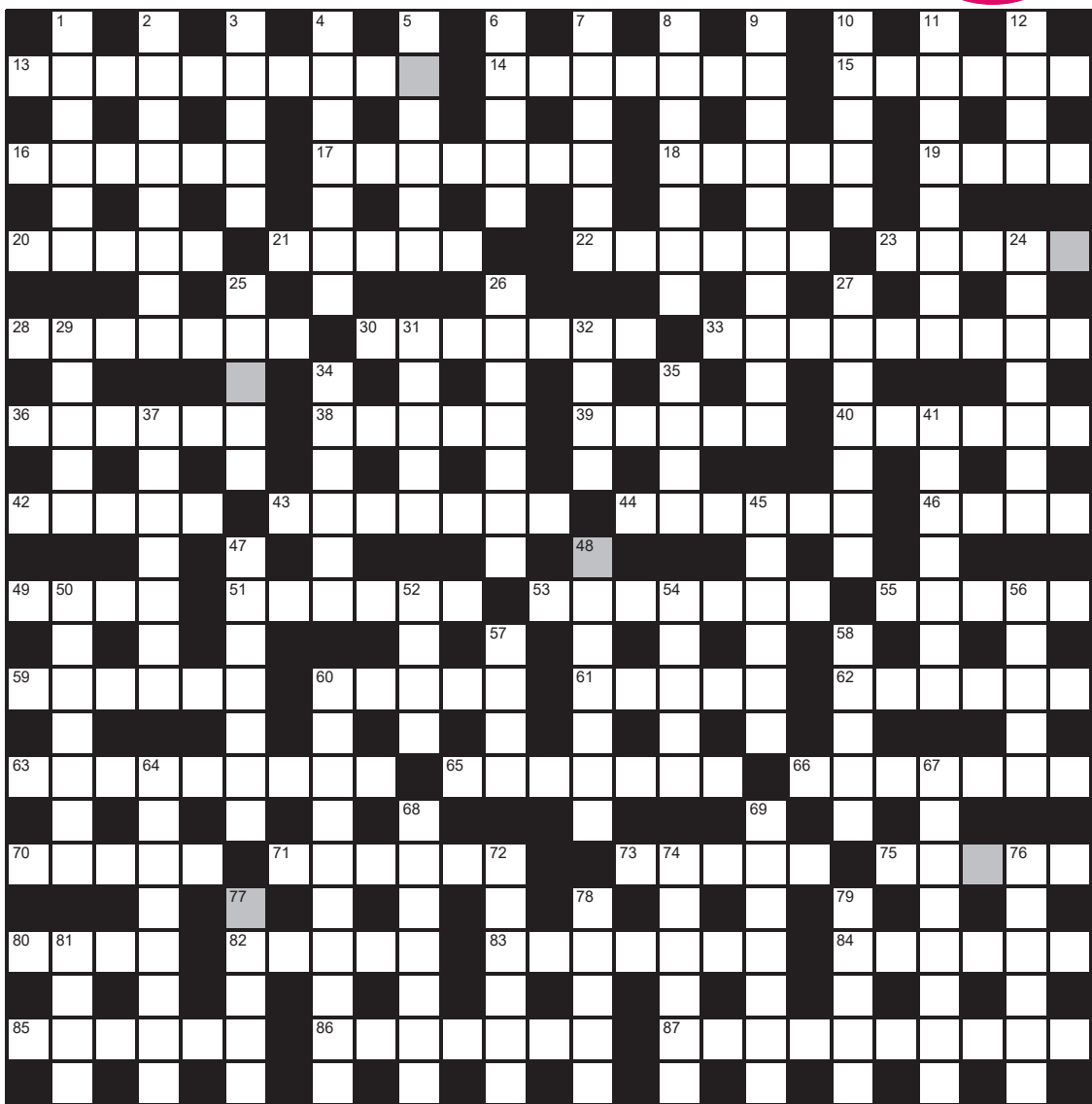
## CRYPTIC CLUES

### ACROSS

- 13 How one might describe a prominent actor favourably? (2,4,4)  
14 Don had to reorganise to accommodate line for veteran performer (3,4)  
15 Practical Western power diversifying fuel (6)  
16 Absurdly outdated fellow needing a duel to be resolved (6)  
17 Rome VIP requires treatment to get better (7)  
18 Show amusement in part of summer in large hotel (5)  
19 Outstanding type being adventurous (4)  
20 Allegation made by Celt at odd points with objective (5)  
21 Huge crowd observed in Pittsburgh or Denver (5)  
22 Dependable NHS institution close to bankruptcy (6)  
23 Boss almost making mistake (5)  
28 Tight-fisted Frenchman is ahead of schedule withholding article (7)  
30 Niece excited to pursue self-contained, organised body of knowledge (7)  
33 Excite group feeling uneasy? (3,2,4)  
36 Director, say, revered figure from the East, is stubbornly persevering (6)  
38 Series of battles in a department to get prize (5)  
39 Put forward for consideration cart in a parade (5)  
40 First sign of this number requiring rope (6)  
42 Sweet liquid, say, or lump with regular parts missing (5)  
43 Write again about drive shown by a paper (7)  
44 Head of technological facility given right conundrum (6)  
46 Tax obligation (4)  
49 Large-scale element found in Renaissance pictures (4)  
51 Complete set of holy books obtained in land around Dublin (6)  
53 How one might describe a humanitarian's aim on a permanent basis? (3,4)  
55 Bob has something that is deficient or loose (5)  
59 Show fondness towards soprano following troubles (6)  
60 Firearm with grease at the edges or sticky substance (5)  
61 Put down inferior wine (5)  
62 Bachelor is enthralled by wild trout — or another fish (6)  
63 Forerunner initially recommending sort of course in advertising work (9)  
65 Richard briefly in work proves irritable (7)  
66 Continue mobilising priests (7)  
70 Number in English river abandoning river (5)  
71 Commotion at college followed by shout (6)  
73 Glib talk that is acquired by special learner (5)  
75 Fruit-based drink in break (5)  
80 Lean walls limited housing (4)  
82 Additional trouble when leaving Belgium (5)  
83 Army officer without others in company lodge's opening (7)  
84 Public show of anger in poor country with no end of exploitation (6)  
85 Taint indeed after swapping Austria for Spain (6)  
86 Name attached to a perfume coming into being? (7)  
87 Bored hand struggling by yard is badly treated (4,4,2)

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19 Adventurous (4)  
20 Allegation (5)  
21 Throng (5)  
22 Dependable (6)  
23 Mistake (5)  
28 Tight-fisted (7)  
30 Organised body of knowledge (7)  
33 Excite (3,2,4)  
36 Stubbornly persevering (6)  
38 Prize (5)  
39 Drift (5)  
40 Tie with rope (6)

- 42 Sweet liquid (5)  
43 Write again (7)  
44 Conundrum (6)  
46 Obligation (4)  
49 Large-scale (4)  
51 Complete (6)  
53 Permanently (3,4)  
55 Loose (5)  
59 Affectionately touch (6)  
60 Sticky substance (5)  
61 Inferior wine (5)  
62 Flatfish (5)  
63 Forerunner (9)  
65 Irritable (7)  
66 Keep going (7)  
70 Number (5)  
71 Commotion (6)  
73 Glib talk (5)  
75 Overwhelm (5)  
80 Lean (4)  
82 Alternative (5)

### QUICK CLUES

- 83 Army officer (7)  
84 Public show of anger (6)  
85 Taint (6)  
86 Embryonic (7)  
87 Badly treated (4,4,2)  
**DOWN**  
1 Not healthy (6)  
2 Terrestrial crustaceans (8)  
3 In a strange way (5)  
4 Caretaker (7)  
5 Dim-witted (6)  
6 Punctuation mark (5)  
7 Arrival (6)  
8 Heartless (7)  
9 Alteration (10)  
10 Overly self-assertive (5)  
11 Excessive words (8)

- 12 Fling (4)  
24 Invention (7)  
25 Clearing (5)  
26 Depart (4,3)  
27 Twist (7)  
29 Tusk content (5)  
31 Seat (5)  
32 End of sleeve (4)  
34 Aptitude (6)  
35 Skeleton part (4)  
37 Opaque pigment (7)  
41 Young child (7)  
45 Thicket (6)  
47 Pudding (7)  
48 Densely packed (7)  
50 Open grassland (7)  
52 Outer skin (4)  
54 Snarl (5)  
56 Traverse (5)  
57 Dread (4)  
58 Semi-aquatic mammal (5)  
60 Conformist collective outlook (10)  
64 Afternoon meal (5,3)  
67 Critical examination (8)  
68 Holiday business (7)  
69 Condemn (7)  
72 Sharply increase (6)  
74 Vigorous (6)  
76 Medieval clerk (6)  
77 Slightly crazy (5)  
78 Laziness (5)  
79 Temperamental (5)  
81 Nation (4)

### DOWN

- 1 A French place supplying water not in a good condition? (6)  
2 Old cow I fancy ending in here — or terrestrial crustaceans (8)  
3 Old theologian lately discontented in a strange way (5)  
4 Caretaker is Trojan at work when around institute (7)  
5 Novel is put on top of documents? That's dim-witted (6)  
6 Mark punctuating text in much of Australia once, say (5)  
7 Commercial opening is coming (6)  
8 Heartless leader of criminals, U.S. gangster and troubled soul (7)  
9 Jam student concocted needs alteration (10)  
10 American beginning to holiday in Paraguay's borders is overly self-assertive (5)  
11 Revolutionary priest crafted a big introduction to Easter producing too many words (8)  
12 Fling here unwanted remaining labels for starters (4)  
24 Gent if desperate to acquire money shows invention (7)  
25 With a change of direction, rate clearing (5)  
26 Depart with leading teacher on holiday (4,3)  
27 Twist about Conservative endlessly in court (7)  
29 Merchant's partner in a type of white (5)  
31 Preside over clubhouse before broadcast (5)  
32 Strike with the hand thing used for restraint (4)  
34 Appreciative word temporarily supplied for people of ability (6)  
35 Botanist principally taken with single part of skeleton (4)  
37 Try second of outfits with a revolutionary pigment (7)  
41 Relative with daughter Dorothy raised small child (7)  
45 Conventional yacht's front is firmly built (6)  
47 Sweet of the French combined with rest after cooking (7)  
48 Smallish treaty (7)  
50 A rep excitedly going round Irish island's open grassland (7)  
52 Outer skin shown by pear in dish partly (4)  
54 Grey nocturnal creature gets to snarl (5)  
56 Cold TV chat show host makes one angry (5)  
57 Alarm fighter with one of two projections? (4)  
58 Some spot term for semi-aquatic mammal (5)  
60 Greek publishing group has restricted latest in pack showing conformist collective outlook? (10)  
64 Best side curtailed afternoon indulgence? (5,3)  
67 Nearly get rid of small-scale critical examination (8)  
68 Holiday business for all to see beset by unusual riots on Malta (7)  
69 Condemn dishevelled Pole wearing terrible red (7)  
72 One planning firework display might get this severe reprimand (6)  
74 Powerful summer drink taken by unknown character (6)  
76 Medieval clerk amazingly cries about book (6)  
77 Monetary prize pursued by type not half crazy (5)  
78 Host is troubled about Latin laziness (5)  
79 Temperamental doctor fronting non-British organisation (5)  
81 Secure nation (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD

No 9,265

### ACROSS

- 1 Multicoloured sweets (5,5)  
6 Son of a monarch (6)  
7 Deposits as rubbish (5)  
9 Load (6)  
10 Nothing (3)  
11 Fleshy part of a fruit (4)  
14 A continent (4)  
15 Distress signal (1,1,1)  
16 Expects (6)

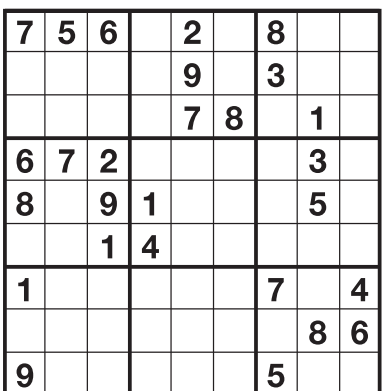
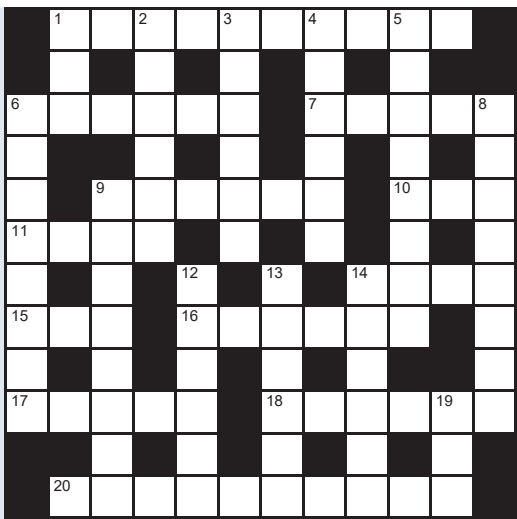
- 17 Stratum (5)  
18 One who provides information (6)  
20 Preliminary rounds (10)

### DOWN

- 1 Jam container (3)  
2 Identity parade (4-2)  
3 Gives in (6)  
4 Final part (6)  
5 Lack of feeling (8)

- 6 Offer of marriage (8)  
8 Fit for selling (8)  
9 Response to a sneeze (5,3)  
12 Sweet bay (6)  
13 Compact group of mountains (6)  
14 Adjust or accustom (6)  
19 Lettuce (3)

**FRIDAY'S SOLUTION — (No 9,264) ACROSS:** 1 Central. 7 Opaque. 8 Vacancy. 9 Yaps. 10 Risk. 12 Stylish. 14 Saveloy. 16 Ewer. 18 Hugs. 20 Braille. 21 Ritual. 22 Eshshot. **DOWN:** 1 Cavorts. 2 Nicks. 3 Rank. 4 Loyalty. 5 Navy blue. 6 Rumpus. 11 Keeps mum. 12 Soluble. 13 Harvest. 15 Anubis. 17 Welsh. 19 Wave. **SOLUTION ON MONDAY**



**PUB QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1 The Bill 2 London 3 Queen Victoria 4 The Borrowers 5 The Black Forest 6 Measles 7 Dusty Springfield 8 Motorcycles 9 Danny Boyle 10 Rugby union.

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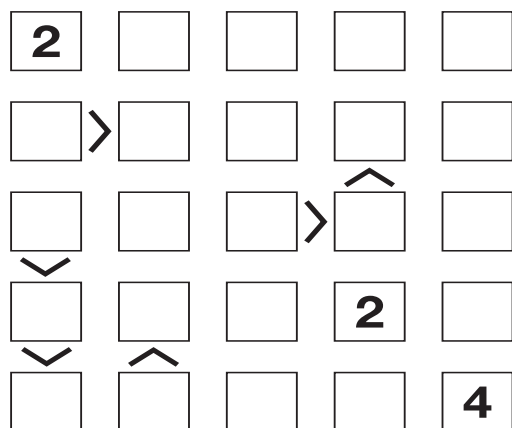
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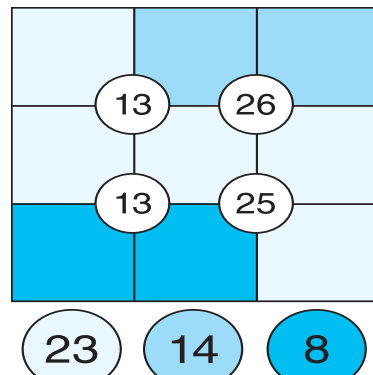


## SOLUTION ON MONDAY



# PUB QUIZ

**SUKO**



# FUTOSHIKI

## SOLUTION ON MONDAY

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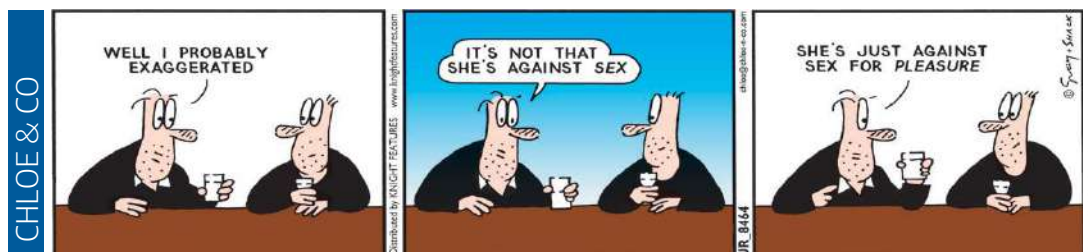
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